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# Sen. Ayuyu pleads guilty

**Senator will get prison term between 33 and 41 months**

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In an expected plea deal, Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) pleaded guilty yesterday to two charges relating to the smuggling of endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan and, subject to the court's approval, he will receive a jail term between 33 months and 44 months.



Ayuyu, 48, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the Endangered Species Act and conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding.

Under the plea agreement, the U.S. government will drop the remaining charges in the two cases and the entire

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*'Ayuyu should resign for everyone's sake'*

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Senate Vice President Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) said yesterday he will "respectfully ask" Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) to resign as a senator rather than be removed from office "for everyone's sake."



Hocog

Ayuyu faces 33 to 41 months in prison after pleading guilty to smuggling endangered fruit bats and obstruction of justice. His term as senator representing Rota ends in January 2015, way before the end of his possible prison term.

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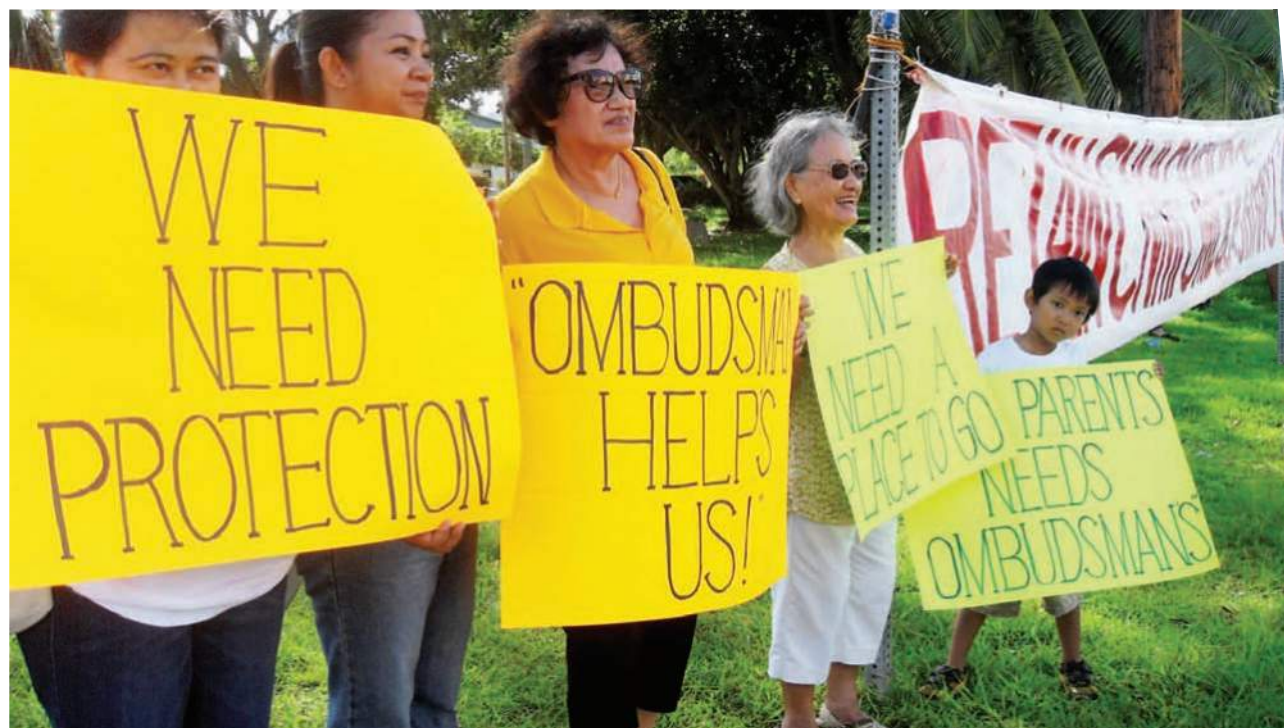
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Interior Assistant Secretary Eileen Sobeck's vehicle drove past but she did not

roll down her window nor stop by to talk to a small group of ralliers in Garapan who are pressing the Interior Department to retain the Federal Labor Ombudsman's Office in the CNMI

beyond fiscal year 2013. Sobeck later told *Saipan Tribune* that the plan to close the office remains and that a transition plan is now underway.

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Workers and their supporters hold placards with messages to keep the Federal Labor Ombudsman's Office open beyond fiscal year 2013, while waiting for Interior Assistant Secretary Eileen Sobeck and other federal officials to pass by after a breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan yesterday morning. Sobeck later said she saw the workers, adding that the plan to close the office remains. Inset, Sobeck makes a courtesy visit to Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday.

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# Local

## ‘Small island schools being left behind in modern tech’

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Public schoolchildren in the Commonwealth may not realize it but they are luckier than many of their counterparts in small school districts in the Pacific region, particularly in matters of modern technology.

Yap public school teacher Owen Tharngan shared with *Saipan Tribune* that their computer lab has only 50 computer units that are shared by 600 students. All these are high school students who need to take a computer class as part of their curriculum. For elementary grade students, computers are just a dream.

This lack is evident in Tharngan's classes of fourth and fifth graders who he said are traditionally promoted to secondary schools without a single knowledge about how to use computers. For those who graduate, he described the knowledge obtained as "limited."

"It's my dream to see, one day, that these computers be made available too to our students—not only in high school but for each and every child in the classroom," said the 35-year-old educator, conceding that realizing this vision remains a big question mark for Yap at this point.

According to Tharngan, there are 10 elementary public schools and only one high school campus on island and both average yearly enrollees of up to 800.

If there's one source of funding he wants to tap for students, it's his island's unutilized federal grants. "I wish I could do something to have these [unused funds] be transferred for school resources." He did not elaborate.

In Yap, he said, elementary students just walk to school each day as school buses are available only to high school students. Although most elementary campuses are located near residential areas, Tharngan believes that there remains a need to ensure the safety and security of young students.

According to Tharngan, the "fast turnover rate" of teachers on his island state also creates problems for public schools. "We are losing our teachers—competent and highly qualified teachers—because of very low salary. And we can't do anything about it," said Tharngan, who himself earns about \$280 a month.

Along with 19 other delegates from Yap, Tharngan has nothing but admiration for what he saw and learned from fellow Pacific islanders who inspired and encourage him to dream more for

his students.

Clarissa Jeremiah, principal of Nauru Secondary School, described Nauru's first participation in the Pacific Education Conference as an "eye-opener."

Although public schools in her country are fortunate to have a few computer labs, the lack of adequate Internet connection hinders the effective use of the units.

"And because we're very small island, it's difficult to entice companies to set up network sites that would help our students access the Internet," she said, describing as "useless" the availability of the technologies without access to the Internet.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Internet connection in Nauru public schools is only made available during an hour of computer class each day.

Besides the shortfall in technology resources, Jeremiah disclosed that truancy and dropouts are also major issues in Nauru.

"Each school year, we have about 40 percent of our students dropping out from school and we attribute this to the limited or lack of parental involvement," she said, adding that many high school students prefer to find jobs than complete their high school.

Nauru's secondary school has over 300 students and 27 classroom teachers.

In the Republic of Marshall Islands, classroom teacher Connie Joel shared that in more than 20 school campuses, about half has limited use of computer and laptops.

Like the CNMI's One Laptop Per Child Policy, the RMI has prioritized giving these technologies to top performing schools.

Joel said they are now in the planning stage of providing lap-

tops to all 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> graders to ensure students have sufficient basic knowledge when elevated to high school.

Kaster Sisam, from the Chuuk Public School System, disclosed that the continued non-existence or limited use of modern technology in schools is further leaving their students behind in accessing proper and quality education.

Kisam said that Chuuk students, compared to other small islands in the Pacific, need serious reinforcement in terms of providing proper education to students.

"Resources such as computers for students, instructional materials for our teachers are just among the many major issues in our public schools. I hope that with this cooperation [between and among PEC members], Chuuk can see the reinforcement it needs," added Kisam.

## Educators urged to act on challenges of Pacific students

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A 58-member group of students from Guam and the CNMI faced a host of educators from the region on Friday and told them that Pacific schoolchildren are dealing with serious challenges that, if not given proper attention, will have devastating consequences for the younger generations.

Speaking before hundreds of educators gathered at Marianas High School, the students pushed for education policy actions on several issues that they said continue to hinder their successes.

The policy agenda the students presented were the result of a two-day intensive research and investigation on a variety of pressing educational issues that ran parallel with the 28<sup>th</sup> Pacific Educational Conference. The students, meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, developed policy proposals in six areas: curriculum, teacher quality, infrastructure, school climate, higher education, and youth services and development.

The school climate proposal reports that bullying remains a serious concern among students in the region, reportedly rampant in and outside schools. It was revealed that many absenteeism are related to bullying and that several school districts in the Pacific have no clear plan of action to remedy the situation.

"The fear of being teased or shoved any minute of any day shifts their attention from their studies to their survival in school. With this in mind, we believe that education policy makers must take action to address this problem," one student told the crowd, adding that schools can cut down on violence if they identify specific "hotspots" within the school where students feel violence is likely to occur.

Also bared is the rampant occurrence of alcohol and drug abuse among students in almost all the Pacific islands. In the CNMI alone, their research showed that nearly half of public school students are regular underage drinkers. Young adults' interactions in school, around friends, and at home play an important role in alcohol and drug abuse.

Statistics show that 3.6 per-

cent of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 14.5 percent of 10<sup>th</sup> graders, and 28.1 percent of 12<sup>th</sup> graders have reported getting drunk in the past month. Currently, marijuana use is trending at 22.9 percent among 12<sup>th</sup> graders, while only 17.1 percent reported smoking cigarettes.

As for higher education, the students cited the lack of preparation classes for graduating high school students due to the absence of SAT and ACT prep classes.

The limited or absence of AP (advanced placement) courses was also cited as a major concern for Pacific students. They cited U.S. Census data that showed that Pacific islanders are less likely to obtain college degrees than people in the U.S. due to lack of these courses.

The group also pointed out the need to have enough number of counselors and programs to promote higher education among Pacific islanders.

They also raised concern about school security. Several break-ins in schools and campuses were cited, including technologies and equipment that were lost to burglars. They expressed concern about the estimated \$25 million investment for technology that have been lost to these break-ins in the region.

The group reported that in Guam, break-ins since the start of the 2012 school year resulted in losses averaging about \$308,560 and \$8,642. At the Laupahoe High and Elementary School in Hawaii, computers worth more than \$7,380 were stolen. Also cited were the successive burglaries reported in CNMI schools.

### Teen pregnancy

According to the group, teen pregnancy remains at an alarming rate in the region and should be addressed by stakeholders.

It was revealed that American Samoa was rated as the second highest in teen pregnancies, and the rising ratio of teenage mothers are also evident in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

In Guam, it was disclosed that in 2011 alone, there were 128 babies born to mothers who were 15 to 17 years old. In the CNMI, surveys show that 51 percent of high school students engaged in sexual acts in 2011 alone.

"Without proper sex educa-

tion, a naïve teenage girl may end up living her whole high school life, a time when she is still maturing to become adult, raising a child," one student member said.

### Cheating, distance education

Because a teacher cannot physically monitor students in an on-line classroom, it was bared that many students are capable of being academically dishonest.

A survey conducted by the American School Board on a group of high school seniors showed that 70 percent of them cheated on a test in an actual classroom and 95 percent of this percentage said that they were never caught.

According to the students, if a student never gets caught cheating, they will pass the course without actually learning anything, thus lessening their chances of succeeding in the future.

Other issues raised that need immediate policy decisions include the shortage of adequate transportation in many schools, school meals, and ineffective teacher evaluation and teaching methods.

## Man, 24, arrested for sexual assault

Police arrested in Garapan on Saturday a 24-year-old man who allegedly touched the privates of a sleeping 12-year-old girl.

Hilary Ngirarois was arrested for sexual assault in the second degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, and disturbing the peace. He is being kept on a \$50,000 cash bail. Preliminary hearing will be on July 30 at 1:30pm.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that two police officers responded to a residence in As Gonno on Thursday night after the Department of Public Safety received a report about a sexual abuse incident.

Kintoki said the preliminary investigation showed that the 12-year-old girl was sleeping when she felt someone touching her. She woke up and saw it was Ngirarois. The girl said she was wearing clothes at the time and that he touched her outside her pants. A family member of the girl called the police. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# IT&E puzzled by \$600K cost for undersea fiber bandwidth

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IT&E chief executive officer Danilo "Bong" Mojica fired back yesterday that the \$600,000 monthly cost of undersea fiber bandwidth being bandied about by his company's competitor is a phantom figure.

"I don't know where the \$600,000 came from. They didn't ask us and we didn't give them a quote. We don't know where it came from and what's the basis. Whether they extrapolated [or not]. Maybe they had an idea what pricing would be when they talk to us but you should never do that. You cannot preempt me on my pricing. Why would you do that?" he said in a late afternoon interview at IT&E's main office in Susupe yesterday.

Mojica flew in to Saipan yesterday morning to talk to lawmakers in a closed-door session at the House of Representatives. He left yesterday afternoon.

It will be recalled that Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson had told members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce that the prohibitive cost of undersea cable was the main hindrance to "real time" cable TV programming and prevents it from offering bundled cable TV and telephone services to the CNMI.

While Docomo Pacific is a direct competitor of IT&E in the CNMI and Guam, it is also one of its biggest customers—if not the biggest.

While not acknowledging the \$600,000 per month price of undersea fiber bandwidth, Mojica



Mojica

justified IT&E's pricing relative to Guam and the U.S. mainland through the economies of scale.

As defined, economies of scale are the cost advantages that companies obtain due to size, with cost per unit of output generally decreasing with increasing scale as fixed costs are spread out over more units of output.

"It's cheaper to ship something from Manila to Los Angeles than to ship that something from Manila to Cebu, much less to Davao [because] there's no economy of scale. How come a ticket from Saipan to Guam and vice versa is from \$300 to \$400 and the ticket from Guam to the Philippines is the same price? Because of the traffic. In the case of the undersea cable there are seven cable offlandings from the mainland that land in Guam. It's the same principle," explained Mojica.

He said each of these cable operators or consortiums in Guam could've decided to go to Saipan if they found the business climate and opportunity here was sound.

"But that fact is they stayed in Guam because there's traffic. We're on Saipan. We deliver

from Guam to Saipan. Not them. It is very, very difficult for me to understand any argument like that because there's an economy of scales element. Besides that, there's also a commitment element because we're committed to Saipan. I think that's the bigger difference," he said.

Mojica said that part of their commitment to the Commonwealth is IT&E hasn't increase its rates in more than 10 years and a year ago actually doubled the speed of DSL without adding the cost to consumers.

He also clarified that the doubling of DLS speed was not a requirement of a previous ARRA grant awarded to the company.

He also said that more than 95 percent of IT&E staff are

from the islands and that they don't have a large expatriate workforce. They also invest a lot in CNMI schools because they want to replenish their workforce in the future.

"When everybody was jumping ship on the CNMI in the late '90s we decided to stay here and in fact invested in this fiber undersea cable facility. It's one of the foundations of who we really are. We finance, we maintain, and we repair. In fact, after one storm around here, we spent something like \$1.6 million or \$1.8 million to repair the cable."

In contrast, he said, Docomo is a \$50-billion telecommunications company that is invested in Guam.

"What I'm saying here is this huge company, who in fact is bigger than us, is asking these questions but they have just invested more than \$130 million in MCV Broadband. That's Guam based. They've also invested \$82 billion to buy GuamCell and Hafatel. Those are also Guam based... How come they didn't invest here? Why are they asking us about our facility when they can actually buy us...[P]art of the foundation we're talking about today is we're partners with the CNMI. We bet on the CNMI. We bet on the people of the CNMI."

On accusations that IT&E is operating virtually a monopoly with its undersea fiber bandwidth, Mojica begged to differ.

"We're the only underwater fiber provider but we're not a monopoly because technically a monopoly is when you create forces for other people to not do that business. Meaning not create their own cable facility. They can do whatever they want and what they want when they want to do it. I have all respect to the Docomo organization to what they've done...in Guam. If they are really in love with Saipan they need to put their money where their mouth is."

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## Emergency water outages in many areas on Saipan

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is alerting customers in the areas served by the Kannat Tabla, Kagman, and Papago water tanks of emergency water outages.

CUC water operations crews were alerted early Saturday to a major water main break on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road across the Chalan Kiya Mobil gas station. The break is on a 16-inch distribution main that is a main feeder from the Kannat Tabla water tank serving customers on Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road to Middle Road to the old Japanese Jail House and Beach Road to the Naked Fish Restaurant. Repair work in the middle of the two eastbound traffic lanes on Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road has been delayed due to the replacement of a 600-pair IT&E telephone cable, which needs to be repaired prior to the waterline repair. The draining and drying of the trench for the IT&E crews took over 24 hours to accomplish.

In addition to the 16-inch waterline break, a separate waterline leak was found Saturday morning along Alageta Road in the Kagman III area. Repair crews are on site and hope to have the leaks fixed soon. However, sporadic outages or reduced hours could be experienced in the next two days.

CUC would like to inform its customers served by the Papago Super Blue water tank that an emergency water outage is schedule to work on a leak found yesterday. Customers living in the Papago area from the Kagman Mobil to the higher elevations in the San Vicente area will be affected by this repair.

Despite CUC's best efforts to extend full time water service, leakage problems continue to cause short-term shortages. CUC apologies for this inconvenience and will continue to work on restoring services as soon as possible. Call the Water Division at 322-5030 with any questions or concerns. (CUC)

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## NMD Corp. opposes granting status to alien workers

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A four-month-old non-profit corporation claiming to represent at least 7,500 individuals of Northern Marianas descent said yesterday they are opposed to a CNMI-specific provision in a recently-passed U.S. Senate immigration reform bill. Worker groups, meanwhile, expressed disappointment with such a position paper.

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp., led by its president Ana S. Teregeyo, adopted a resolution opposing Section 2109 of S. 744.

"The NMD Corporation strongly opposes S. 744, Section 2109, as it will alter and disrupt the social, political, and economic livelihood and aspirations of the indigenous peoples of the Northern Marianas descent," the group said.

S. 744 provides a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in America, and its CNMI-specific provision also provides pathway to citizenship to long-term, legal foreign workers.

Some members of the U.S. House of Representatives are also now drafting their own version of a national reform bill that is more

likely to include pathway to citizenship for undocumented aliens in America as well.

Teregeyo, Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), former representative Danny Quitugua, and former representative Karl Reyes, among others, gathered yesterday morning at the Gapan Community Development Center to present the resolution they adopted last week.

"They need to respect the Covenant agreement," Teregeyo told *Saipan Tribune*.

The corporation, however, did not provide the media a copy of the actual resolution as of press time yesterday.

Teregeyo said they sent a copy of their resolution to U.S. House Speaker John Boehner and others.

The group said the CNMI-specific provision "stands to take away their rights to local self-government as agreed upon and guaranteed under Section 103 of Article 1 of the Covenant Agreement and their Constitution which was adopted by the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands and approved by the President of the United States of America on October 24, 1977."

It said the immigration bill's provision makes it "extremely difficult for the indigenous people of the [CNMI] who are

Northern Marianas descent to meet and advance themselves in these areas, which are fundamental provisions guaranteed in the Covenant Agreement."

Itos Feliciano, president of

the Human Dignity Movement, said it is disappointing that after so many years, some individuals still do not support improved status for long-term, legal foreign workers in the CNMI.

## GUILTY

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information in the third case.

Ayuyu will be sentenced on Nov. 8, 2013.

A conviction for conspiring to violate the Endangered Species Act carries a maximum penalty of a six-month imprisonment, while conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

The senator was facing three criminal charges—the fruit bat case, obstruction of justice case, and the cell phone use. The plea agreement covers the three cases.

When U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona asked Ayuyu to tell the court what he did, Ayuyu acknowledged that he committed mistakes.

Attorney David J. Lujan, counsel for Ayuyu in the two cases, noted that his client had prepared a statement of admissions attached to the plea agreement. Lujan then read Ayuyu's statement.

In his statement of admissions, Ayuyu said that, on Oct. 17, 2010, on Rota, he called Ryan James Inos Manglona, an employee of the Rota Mayor's Office, and instructed him to come to his house to take his baggage to the airport in advance of his flight to Saipan that evening.

Ayuyu said that Ryan Manglona came with David Atalig, who remained outside.

Inside his kitchen, Ayuyu said that Ryan Manglona assisted him in wrapping eight Mariana fruit bats or *fanihi*. They then placed the fruit bats in a "Redman" box and Ryan Manglona covered the bats with a bunch of lemons.

Ayuyu said the U.S. Transportation Security Administration discovered the fruit bats during a routine inspection of checked baggage.

Ayuyu said that on Nov. 19, 2010, he learned that Ryan Manglona had been subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the discovery and seizure of the fruit bats.

In the early morning of Nov. 23, 2010, the senator said he

and Ryan Manglona coincidentally flew together from Rota to Saipan.

During the flight, Ryan Manglona told him that he was going to Saipan to testify before a grand jury.

"I asked Manglona to testify that he had no knowledge the Redman box contained eight fruit bats," he said.

Ayuyu said that when they arrived on Saipan, Ryan Manglona was met and taken by one of his brothers in a car.

Later that afternoon, Ayuyu said that Manglona came to his office and told him he had testified according to his request.

"I asked Manglona to lie because I wanted to influence, obstruct, and impede the grand jury from returning an indictment against me for the seizure of the federally protected fruit bats," he said.

Ryan Manglona was also indicted. He previously pleaded guilty to perjury before the grand jury and conspiracy to violate the Endangered Species and Lacey Acts.

Lujan informed the court that they will file this week a mo-

tion for Ayuyu's release until his sentencing.

In an interview with reporters after the hearing, Lujan said that under the plea agreement, if the judge goes higher than the recommended prison term, Ayuyu will be given the opportunity to withdraw his guilty plea.

When asked if Ayuyu has resigned as senator, Lujan said his client has not done so. When asked if Ayuyu is about to resign, he replied, "I have no idea, it's up to him."

Attorney Bruce Berline, counsel for Ayuyu in the fruit bat matter, said he assumes that Ayuyu will resign.

"But that's up to him. But I think there some legalities involved in there, now that he pleaded guilty to these two counts," Berline said.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012.

Assistant U.S. attorneys Garth R. Backe and Ross K. Naughton handle the prosecution. Agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife conducted the investigation in the case.

## RESIGN

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the court decision. But if Senator Ayuyu will continue to be incarcerated, I would ask the senator to submit his resignation, for the best interest of everyone—himself, his family, his constituents and the CNMI as a whole," said Hocog, who is also chairman of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) separately said he has asked the Senate legal counsel to look into whether Ayuyu's guilty plea already constitutes a ground for termination or expulsion from the Senate.

Hocog said he will be meeting today with the Senate president on the matter and later with the members of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

Ayuyu has been in jail since Dec. 17, 2012, on charges of alleged smuggling of endangered fruit bats, witness tam-

pering, and possession of a cell phone while in prison. The latter charge was dismissed.

In March, Ayuyu volunteered to suspend his monthly salary and subsistence allowance effective April 1, until the criminal charges against him are resolved. By a vote of 8-0, the Senate accepted Ayuyu's voluntary benefit suspension.

Ayuyu's decision came right before the Senate was to act on the Rules and Procedures Committee's recommendation to suspend Ayuyu's salary and other benefits and suspend him as a senator.

Ayuyu's annual salary is \$39,300. He also receives some \$76,000 in annual discretionary or operational funds and a \$4,200 monthly subsistence allowance.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas, in a March 15, 2013, legal opinion, said that if Ayuyu is convicted and a vacancy in the Senate exists, that vacancy will have to be filled by Joey Anthony Quitugua.

## SOBECK

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"Retain CNMI Ombudsman's Office," reads a lengthy banner, while smaller signs held by some of the ralliers read, "Our parents need ombudsman," "We need a place to go," and "We need protection," among other things.

"Were it not for the ombudsman's office, I wouldn't be able to stay and given help. My former employer owes me \$14,000 in back wages as a house worker," Lucita T. Reyes, 66, told *Saipan Tribune* as she stood by the roadside holding a placard, hoping that Sobeck would see it.

Roger Laguidao, 59, said it was the ombudsman's office that helped him after the CNMI Department of Labor didn't issue him an umbrella permit when his previous employer did not renew his contract despite working on Saipan since July 31, 1989.

Reyes and Laguidao are among the thousands of foreign

workers whose cases were referred by the ombudsman's office to proper CNMI and federal agencies after falling prey to labor abuses, human trafficking, sex trafficking, illegal recruitment, rape, assault and battery, false imprisonment and torture, among other things.

For two hours, representatives of three worker groups and others stood beside the road fronting the Hyatt Regency Saipan where Sobeck was staying and the American Memorial Park.

After leaving the Hyatt, Sobeck made a courtesy visit on Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Capital Hill.

In a chance interview with *Saipan Tribune* after her meeting with Inos, Sobeck said the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has "a lot of relationships with Saipan, and so I am here to sort of touch base on all of the issues that include helping to make sure that the hospital maintains its CMS certification."

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the governor informed Sobeck "that the administration is working with interim CEO

[Esther] Muña and her team to ensure that the hospital is in full compliance for accreditation."

Sobek said that work on the planned closure of the ombudsman's office is also part of this trip.

"Yes, that's one of the issues that I want to make sure that I visit with the ombudsman and her staff, and make sure that we have a good plan for the shutdown," she said.

Demapan said the governor received a briefing from Sobek regarding the Interior's decision to close the ombudsman's office.

"As a result of this discussion, the governor understands the rationale of the department and because it appears that this is a decision that will move ahead, he informed Ms. Sobek that the Commonwealth government will support the DOI's decision and stand ready to work with the department to ensure a proper transition for the benefit of all the parties involved," the press secretary said.

Sobek, when asked which agencies will absorb all the

functions of the ombudsman's office, said, "We're working on that."

"One of the things that I want to make sure people realize is what a success that office has been and how it really has... its workload has changed over time and has decreased quite a bit. Many of the major problems that it was set up to cover have been addressed. So we are working through how to help with the intake function, and whether it's possible to develop... a process to make sure that those functions are handled by other institutions."

Sobek said they are meeting with the offices that the ombudsman's office works with on a regular basis, "helping to figure out which parts of the office function they could help absorb but we recognize that they won't absorb all of them and we're looking at possible alternatives."

She said these agencies include the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Besides the closure of the

ombudsman's office and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s CMS certification, Sobek said she and the CNMI governor also discussed various Interior grants to the CNMI and accomplishments in the area of water and energy.

Sobek also said she saw the workers and their supporters by the roadside. She declined to comment further as she was on her way to another appointment.

Rene Reyes, founding president of the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd., later said they're hoping that Sobek will be able to meet with them later this week.

Dekada Movement president Bonifacio Sagana and Human Dignity Movement president Itos Feliciano were among those in the small rally. They wrote a letter to Sobek, outlining their concerns about the ombudsman's office's closure.

Fe Calixterio, a retired Northern Marianas College director for the Adult Basic Education/General Education Development Program, said the ombudsman's office needs to re-

main open to help those who are "abused, oppressed and neglected." She joined the roadside rally.

Ron Hodges, a public school teacher, said, "It is a mistake" to still move on with the ombudsman's office's closure even after the U.S. State Department issued its 2013 Trafficking in Persons Report that tags the CNMI as a "destination and transit location for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking." He was also at the rally.

Sobek's one-week visit comes two months before the planned closure of the ombudsman's office by the end of fiscal year 2013, or Sept. 30.

Thousands of signatures have been gathered by an online petition to keep the ombudsman's office open. One of the foreign worker groups has also gathered signatures to support the cause.

Since its establishment in 1999, the Ombudsman's Office has handled numerous cases dealing with the longstanding pattern of mistreatment of alien workers.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



A happy birthday shoutout to Andrei C. Lapuz! Have a blessed 9th birthday to our adorable big boy! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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Belated birthday greetings go out to Sheila Vidal, who celebrated her special day on July 22, 2013! Best wishes on your birthday, wishing you good health and happiness in life.

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# Stores found violating rule on sale of expired products

Investigators from the Office of the Attorney General Investigative Division did its first round of consumer protection investigations on July 17, 2013, and found many Consumer Protection Act violations.

Focusing first on Koblerville

and San Antonio villages on Saipan, the investigative team visited several supermarkets and found numerous violations at every business visited.

In particular, all supermarkets visited were selling expired products without separating

such products from non-expired goods, and not providing the necessary labeling clearly visible pricing information on or near their merchandise, another violation of the law.

OAG Consumer Counsel Ghassan "Gus" Harb is in the

process of filing civil complaints against those businesses found to be violating the Consumer Protection Act.

Each violation of the law, such as the sale of one expired product without the proper label or discount, calls for a penalty

of up to \$2,500. Considering many businesses were found to have hundreds of violations, the consequences will be serious.

The Office of the Attorney General will continue to conduct periodic investigations to identify and prosecute businesses that are violating the Consumer Protection Act. It is Harb's hope that fewer businesses will be found to be violating the law during upcoming investigations.

Harb stressed that the purpose of the Consumer Protection Act is not to punish businesses; it is

to protect consumers and promote a healthy business climate in the CNMI.

If you have any questions or concerns about the rights you have as a consumer or the obligations you have as a business under the CNMI Consumer Protection Act, contact Harb at (670) 664-2391. You can also visit the Consumer Protection section of the Attorney General's website at [www.oagcnmi.net/consumers.asp](http://www.oagcnmi.net/consumers.asp) for more information or to submit a consumer protection complaint to the Attorney General's Office. (OAG)

## NMC faculty fears impact of proposed policy changes

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The Faculty Senate of Northern Marianas College has expressed fears about the impact of proposed changes to the institution's policies, which will be enforced this upcoming semester.

Outgoing Faculty Senate president Kyle T. Podziewski conveyed these sentiments to NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., in a recent correspondence, asking for clarification and justification on a host of policy recommendations.

Documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* showed that Podziewski expressed grave concerns about the pending changes in the existing regulations.

For one, he questioned the management's action on the minimum hiring qualifications of faculty, the evaluation of faculty qualifications, and the pending reassignment of faculty this semester.

"The members of the Faculty Senate are under the impres-

sion that the actions concerning the minimum qualifications are taking place in response to the requirements stated in the external evaluation report. The Faculty Senate would like for you to state specifically where in the external evaluation report it states that the institution needs to evaluate faculty qualifications and reassign faculty based on these minimum qualifications," said Podziewski in a July 3 letter to Hart.

In a July 19, 2013, letter to the College Council, Hart stated that the Board of Regents will be asked to review and approve the policy on minimum faculty qualifications prior to the start of fall 2013 classes.

"Yes, some faculty will be impacted, but the college is trying to work with all impacted faculty as fairly as possible. Again, time is of the essence here to meet the standard before classes start in fall. We cannot and will not enter this fall with any chance or probability of failing to ad-

dress this accreditation finding," Hart stated, adding that this issue will also be addressed by the dean of academic services with all faculty during the first professional development training next month.

According to Podziewski, about a third of the 27 full-time instructional faculty will be affected once these changes take effect. He said the minimum qualifications ignore faculty input. He also questioned the credibility and authority of the dean and human resource director who created the policy.

"It is being pushed through while faculty are off for the summer and there is nothing in the action letter or visiting team report that says these minimum qualifications need to be applied to current faculty; it states for the hiring of new faculty," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Podziewski said the evaluation of faculty qualifications



Hart

## Deadline to apply extended for Rota summer internship

The deadline to apply for the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service's three-week summer internship on Rota has been extended to Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

The internship is open to CNMI high school juniors and seniors (for school year 2013-2014), and will begin on Monday, July 29, 2013. As part of the program, students will explore and learn about the fields of plant pathology and nutrition at the NMC Rota instructional site. Note that applicants must be U.S. citizen and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Applications need to be sub-

mitted no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday, July 24, at the NMC Rota instructional site. Application forms are available for download at <http://crees.org>, or may be picked up at the administrative office of the NMC Rota instructional site.

For more information, contact Pedro Deleon Guerrero at NMC-CREES at 234-5498 Ext. 1707.

The program is funded through a cooperative agreement between NMC and the University of Puerto Rico. The project is called Developing Resident Instruction in Food and Agricultural Related Sciences at Land Grant Institutions in the Pacific and Caribbean Islands, Phase VIII. (NMC)



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# 28th Pacific Educational Conference

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Pacific Education Conference keynote speaker Dr. Tim Boals receives a plaque of appreciation and some tokens from the CNMI Public School System during closing ceremonies Friday at Marianas High School. Also in photo is PREL president and CEO Sharon Nelson-Barber.



Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., left, receives a special artwork from Guam students in recognition of the CNMI-PSS' successful hosting of this year's Pacific Education Conference on island.



Officials of the Palau Department of Education offer their special token to the Chuuk delegation headed by Kaster Sisam, right.



Teacher Connie Joel, right, of the Republic of the Marshall Islands receives from officials of the CNMI-PSS and guest speakers a special flag and a plaque of appreciation for the RMI's participation in the conference.



Teacher Owen Tharngan of the Yap Ministry of Education, right, is handed a special lei and other gifts by Chuuk educators during closing rites Friday at Marianas High School.



Students from Guam pose with their banner during Friday's closing ceremonies for the Pacific Education Conference.



Delegates from Guam pose for a group photo after Friday's conclusion of the four-day educational conference.



Student leaders from Guam and the CNMI, seated, listen to keynote speaker Dr. Tim Boals during Friday's presentation at Marianas High School.



The Chuuk delegation perform a special song number for fellow delegates at this year's PEC.



CNMI State Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, standing center, assures delegates of BOE's commitment to addressing the concerns of public school students. Also in photo are members and officials of the board and PSS, including Kelly Butcher, Marylou Ada, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Jack Diaz, and Lucy Blanco-Maratita.



# Coral spawning phenomenon seen this week

Love is in the air. Actually it's in the water. For Saipan's 240 hard coral species July is the month of romance. Since corals cannot move about to meet another coral they take to a unique method of reproduction—broadcast spawning.

Two to seven days after July's full moon, shortly after sunset but prior to moon rise, the corals send out a signal

synchronizing the event and release eggs and sperm at the same time. Some corals will release sperm and eggs like the Brain and Star coral, but others will only release eggs or sperm like in the Mushroom and Boulder corals.

The sperm and eggs will float toward the surface of the water giving it a pink sheen with a bubbling appearance and join

forming larvae called planulae, which will eventually become the coral we recognize.

This type of reproduction allows the corals to reproduce with corals further away increasing genetic diversity, resulting in healthier corals.

We may not understand the appeal of July's full moon, but it makes perfect sense to corals. Corals want their offspring to have the greatest chance of survival and they can have that with the environment July offers. A full moon brings high tides and lots of water movement, increasing the chance that sperm and eggs will find each other as well as distribute the planulae. The timing of this event, after sunset and before moonrise, is important because that's when the light

is the lowest, reducing the chance of predators feeding upon the floating larvae. Giving their offspring a good start will help their survival during the three weeks it will take for them to decide on a permanent home to attach to and develop.

We can do our part as well to help the corals. It is especially important during spawning season

to keep the waters clean and pollution free. Here are a few tips:

- Use less chemical fertilizers. Rains will spread the fertilizer to the ocean, polluting the reefs.
- Do not burn. Burning your land can increase runoff and sedimentation polluting the reefs.
- Use mooring buoy systems to anchor your boat. Do not anchor to the reef.
- Fish responsibly and follow the laws against gill nets, scuba spearfishing and chemicals for fishing.

July's full moon was yesterday, the 22nd. Spawning should take place between tomorrow, July 24, and July 29. Come out with a flashlight and watch this once-a-year phenomenon off the coast of Saipan. **(CRMO)**

## Inos urged to direct CUC to solicit bids for renewable energy source

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

The chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications is urging Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider to direct the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to solicit proposals for renewable energy sources for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, even as dozens of foreign investors have come in to present their multi-million plans, to no avail.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) formally introduced Friday House Resolution 18-30, requesting the administration to direct CUC to solicit proposals.

In the resolution, Deleon Guerrero said CUC “remains

idle in providing long-awaited rate relief” to the CNMI people.

Deleon Guerrero also pointed out that CUC is not in compliance with the deadlines set by Public Law 15-23, to provide renewable and affordable utility rates.

CUC, according to the freshman lawmaker, had petitioned the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission for an extension of the deadline for CUC to comply with statutory renewable portfolio standards.

“Previously, several renewable energy sources have been presented that offered to reduce our reliance on fossil fuel and subsequently reduce the high utility rates... (Gov. Eloy S. Inos) had previously expressed that the best way to start the mandated statutory renewable energy portfolio

standards is to request for proposals from companies doing business in renewable energy,” Deleon Guerrero said.

Among the foreign investors that expressed willingness to invest in renewable energy sources in the CNMI were Green Globe Solutions, which plans a \$200 million, 40-megawatt wind and solar energy project on Tinian and Saipan; Alliance

Federated Energy, which plans a \$40- to \$50-million waste-to-energy project on Saipan; and Global Energy Corp. for a 50-megawatt safe nuclear energy production plant.

## Anti-China protest expects 50

Organizers of tomorrow's “Peaceful Global Day of Protest and Prayer against China's Invasion of the Philippines” expect about 50 to attend the forum and rally at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe.

US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter chair Dr. Celia Lamkin said they are staging this peaceful protest against the “unjust and illegal invasion” of China of the West Philippine Sea and to raise public awareness and attention to the Filipino people and to the community about the issues of the region.

“July 24 was chosen as the day of the global protest because this is the first anniversary of the Sansha City of China, which is the one controlling the South China Sea, including the West Philippine Sea,” she said.

According to the U.N. Convention of Law of the Seas or UNCLOS, the Philippines, including China and other countries, has 200 nautical miles as its exclusive economic zone or EEZ as sovereign territory.

“China is not honoring this agreement. Over the past three years, China has been encroaching on the West Philippine Sea such as the Spratlys, Scarborough Shoal, and now the Ayungin Reef,” said Lamkin.

Expected to attend the protest rally are pastors of numerous churches, including pastors Brendan Perez, Noel Puno, Alvaro Samonte, Tony Gelua, and Danny Ibanez.

Association of Filipino Pastors on Saipan president pastor Paul Medina, U.P. Alumni Association Saipan and civic leader Fe Calixterio, Laguna Association of Guam former president Nancy Baldoz, and USP4GG volunteer Rosendo Maceda will also speak during the rally, while USP4GG and Global Filipinos Diaspora Council chair attorney Loida Nicolas Lewis will have her message read.

Another reason USP4GG is staging the peaceful rally is to let the world know that Filipinos will not stand idle in the face of China's expansion in the region, Lamkin said.

“We are staging the peaceful rally to bring awareness to the Filipino people and to the community, locally and globally, that the Filipinos in the CNMI and in other parts of the world can be united with one voice to defend our Philippine territories. *Sa manlulupig, di ka pasisiil.* We are also praying for the just and peaceful resolution in the West Philippine Sea with China,” she said.

During the peaceful protest rally, USP4GG will hold a manifesto signing, where people who support the global protest will be accepted.

For more information about tomorrow's “Peaceful Global Day of Protest and Prayer against China's Invasion of the Philippines,” call Lamkin at 288-1714, or email celia.lamkin@yahoo.com, or call Nancy Baldoz at 888-2968. **(Mark Rabago)**



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**JVA No. 13-038**

**Opening Date:** Friday, July 12, 2013  
**Closing Date:** Thursday, July 25, 2013

**Engineer**  
**(Mechanical)**

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director for Electric Power Systems or his/her designee. Designs, executes, coordinates, and oversees assigned pieces of projects to ensure adherence with applicable specifications and standards. Assists the public with a variety of inquiries and requests; provides technical information on projects. Maintains project files; prepares related correspondence. Prepares design calculations, engineering drawings, and sketches. Drafts a variety of engineering reports and correspondence. Assists with data collection, troubleshooting and equipment/work analysis. Performs research for Senior Engineers. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

**LOCATION(S):** Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY:** \$36,257.00 - \$59,871.00 per annum.  
**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.  
**POSITION(S):** One (1).

**Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and four years of related engineering experience. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Basic project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Engineering principles and practices. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using CAD programs to prepare plans for small projects and exhibits; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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**JVA No. 13-042**

**Opening Date:** Friday, July 12, 2013  
**Closing Date:** Thursday, July 25, 2013

**Engineering Technician**


**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Prepare apparatuses, devices, and equipment for use on projects to include inspecting and testing. Perform routine field duties to include measurements, assisting with staking, collecting field data, checking on actual conditions and orientation of facilities, logging, and engineering and operations support assignments. Perform drafting duties using AutoCAD including producing or revising drawings, gathering and collecting data to be incorporated into drawings, producing or editing graphs and charts, providing design assistance, and interfacing with GIS. Inventory materials and supplies. Research product data and updates and upgrades of equipment and software. Perform other duties of a similar nature or level.

**LOCATION(S):** Water & Wastewater Divisions, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY:** \$13,625.00 - \$25,231.00 per annum.  
**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.  
**POSITION(S):** One (1)


**Minimum Requirements:** High School diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) or Adult School (AS) diploma through the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program and three years of experience in the water/wastewater industry or related experience. Knowledge of: AutoCAD programs; mathematics; basic surveying and engineering concepts. **Skill in:** Preparing engineering drawings using CADD; preparing charts and graphs; performing mathematical calculations, collecting field data; solving problems; using computers and Microsoft WORD and EXCEL software applications; communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**JVA No. 13-043**

**Opening Date:** Friday, July 12, 2013  
**Closing Date:** Thursday, July 25, 2013

**Junior Engineer**


**Duties:** Work under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Designs sanitation facilities and oversees the completion of assigned tasks. Executes and coordinates portions of assigned projects and tasks; adhere to applicable specifications and standards. Manage assigned aspects of water and sewer facilities projects. Perform construction inspection. Support operations with technical assistance; collect, maintain, and organize operational data for engineering analysis. Maintain project files; prepare related correspondence. Prepare design calculations, engineering drawings, and sketches. Draft parts of a variety of engineering reports and correspondence. Assist with data collection, troubleshooting and equipment analysis; evaluate water and sewer system needs and perform engineering analysis. Perform research for design, efficiency improvement, and operations support. Perform other duties of a similar nature or level.

**LOCATION(S):** Water & Wastewater Divisions, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY:** \$24,000.00 - \$35,000.00 per annum.  
**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.  
**POSITION(S):** Two (2).


**Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering is also acceptable if candidate has one year of experience engineering water and/or wastewater systems. Knowledge of: Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and wastewater conveyance and treatment concepts. Knowledge of and ability to use AutoCAD is a plus. Knowledge of and skill with GIS is preferred but not required. **Skill in:** organizing, collecting information and evaluating data; preparing and presenting technical information for reports and/or documentation;; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to: read and understand construction drawings; able to read and interpret specifications; use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, and contractors to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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**JVA No. 13-044**

**Opening Date:** Friday, July 12, 2013  
**Closing Date:** Thursday, July 25, 2013

**Engineer**

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Design, execute, coordinate, and oversee assigned projects; adhere to applicable specifications and standards. Manage water and sewer facilities projects. Perform construction contract management and serve as contract technical representative. Assist the public with a variety of inquiries and requests; provide technical information on projects; report on project and contract status. Maintain project files; prepare related correspondence. Prepare design calculations, engineering drawings, and sketches. Draft a variety of engineering reports and correspondence. Assist with data collection, troubleshooting and equipment analysis; evaluate water and sewer system needs and perform engineering analysis. Perform research for design, construction, and system performance. Perform other duties of a similar nature or level. Assist with system operation and maintenance as required.

**LOCATION(S):** Water & Wastewater Divisions, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.  
**SALARY:** \$36,257.00 - \$59,871.00 per annum.  
**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted  
**POSITION(S):** Three (3)

**Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering and four years of related engineering experience. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering is also acceptable if candidate has four years of experience engineering water and/or wastewater systems. Knowledge of: Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and wastewater conveyance and treatment concepts; project management principles; construction techniques; safe work practices; applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; reading, understanding, and preparing drawings for construction contracts; preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; interpreting and preparing specifications; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to: use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, contractors, representatives of other agencies and departments, and the general public to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction; use AutoCAD to prepare plans for utility projects and contracts is a plus. Registration as an Engineer-In-Training in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is preferred but not required. Applicants licensed as a Professional Engineer in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States are encouraged to apply. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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JROTC provides Meals-Ready-to-Eat for the cadets from June 24 through July 15, 2013. JROTC provided the cadets hot breakfast and lunch meals daily during the PEC week.

## JROTC provides support for education confab

Cadre and cadets of the CNMI Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps provided a level of support to the Pacific Education Conference and its 600 guests that exceeded all reasonable expectations, according to Lt. Col. (retired) Bob Gay, director of the JROTC Program.

Gay said that this was the best school and community support effort he had witnessed in his 14 years as JROTC director and instructor.

A total of 58 cadets from Marianas High School (35), Kagman High School (11), and Saipan Southern High School (12) provided daily support for the conference. Additionally, 12 MHS students conducted daily support activities throughout the lead up and during the week of PEC.

Gay cited the efforts of MHS senior instructor Capt. (retired) Ernest Torres and MHS Assistant 1st Sgt. (retired) Gene Guzman in getting the ball rolling.

Earlier in the year, Education Commissioner Rita Sablan, Ed.D., notified all program managers and staff that their presence and support would be required to make the conference a success. The JROTC cadre immediately got engaged. A JROTC cadre team meeting occurred during the week of June 22, 2013, at MHS where requirements were laid out and responsibilities assigned. MHS was the designated host school and would require the utmost devotion and support.

The MHS JROTC conference room was turned into a tactical operations center with whiteboards that illustrated the daily training schedules, scheduled tasks, assigned responsibilities and cadre and cadet personnel strength. Daily meetings of JROTC cadre, JROTC staff, MHS administration, and cadet leaders were conducted morning and afternoon. MHS principal Cheryl Cabrera and vice principals John Davis and Hazel Tudela were also daily participants. Gay stated that the camaraderie and collaboration between the JROTC cadre and the MHS ad-



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Cadets, along with school maintenance personnel, painted numerous areas on the campus to include the parking stalls in the multiple lots.



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MHS cadets provided the opening ceremony color guard.

ministration was exceptional.

The JROTC cadre and staff that provided daily support included Capt. Ernest Torres, Command Sgt. Maj. Ric Basa, Sgt. Maj. Jack Kiyoshi, 1SG Gene Guzman, Sgt. First Class Gio Sireulo, 1SG Pete Salas, 1SG Joe King, SFC Cel Damian, Joe Sablan, and Philip Quitugua.

Daily PEC support activities that the cadets and cadre conducted included traffic control, ushers for the delegates in the gym, assistants for each presenter, manning of the operations center communications, key control and Exhibit Hall assistance.

MHS cadets provided the opening ceremony color guard.

SSHS cadets provided the Teacher of the Year Banquet color guard at the Saipan World Resort. Kagman High School cadets provided food and beverage assistance at the Beach Luau.

Cadre and cadet daily support activities initiated on June 23, 2013, prior to the PEC Conference included set up of the MHS Gymnasium with tables, mats, stage and chairs for 600 delegates and VIP's. The cadets cleaned and waxed the MHS cafeteria floor as well as set up of tables and chairs for use as an exhibition area. Cadets, along with school maintenance personnel, painted numerous areas on the campus to include the parking

stalls in the multiple lots. Aggregate was dispersed throughout the hallway sidewalks. Cadets packaged books and handouts in two locations for the delegates.

Twelve SSHS cadets also simultaneously conducted support for the American Memorial Park "Summer Reef to Ridge Program," which is a weeklong environmental education program aimed at strengthening the students' understanding of interconnectedness between land and sea.

Gay stated that he cannot thank enough the JROTC cadre, the JROTC cadets, the MHS Students and all the MHS administration staff for their outstanding efforts and camaraderie. "It was an honor and great experience working with these dedicated individuals."

Gay thanked Commissioner Sablan and associate commissioner for instruction Jackie Quitugua for their continued support, adding that it takes total "team effort" and synergy to make things happen in large events of this nature.

Gay also recognized and thanked his DAI MSU Office Staff for their effective and loyal support to all the participants. **(JROTC)**

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### July 23, 2005

#### Administration wants debt settlement with CUC

The Babauta administration is looking at the possibility of paying the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. a lump sum amount for its outstanding debts on the condition that it will meter all government buildings to determine actual usage. "That's one of the points of discussion. We are paying lump sum if they will meter all government buildings and charge us for actual usage," said press secretary Peter A. Callaghan. He said both the CUC legal counsel and the governor's legal counsel are exploring the possibility of an out of court settlement.

#### Oral histories of the Northern Marianas published

The Commonwealth's Division of Historic Preservation and the Council for the Humanities announced yesterday the publication of eight volumes containing 136 oral histories regarding the political history of the Northern Marianas since the conclusion of World War II. The oral histories were taken by Howard P. Willens and Deanne C. Siemer over more than a decade—from 1993 to 2004. Together with previously classified government documents, the oral histories were used by these authors in their two books about the pursuit of a unique political status for the Northern Marianas that resulted in the Covenant. The volumes are entitled, Oral Histories of the Northern Mariana Islands: Political Life and Developments (1945-1995).

### July 23, 2006

#### SCC decries rate hike

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce decried yesterday the Fitial administration's decision to raise electricity rates by 100 percent effective Saturday. Chamber president Charles V. Cepeda said the group had appealed to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Friday to implement a gradual rather than an abrupt rate hike. "It's very disappointing. Our position is a gradual increase in power rates, but he has already done it, and it's what would happen unless they redo the regulation," said Cepeda. He said also expressed doubts about the computation of rates.

#### 'First, power outages. And now this?'

Several community members insisted yesterday that the central government and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. should have held public hearings first before implementing the new power rates, which took effect yesterday. Most consider it ironic that CUC is increasing its rates at a time when its services are at an all-time low, with power outages almost on a daily basis. Tess Lozano, a sewer at a tailoring parlor on Beach Road, together with fellow workers Nida and Violy, said a public hearing should have been made before CUC and the government implemented such actions.

### July 23, 2007

#### Changes to immigration bill hinted

Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Akaka has hinted that his immigration bill may be amended to require "grandfathered" aliens to remain in the CNMI for five years after receiving nonimmigrant status. In the Senate committee hearing Thursday, Akaka asked Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio and Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Juan T. Guerrero their views on the possible amendment. In their testimonies, both expressed concern about the workers moving to Guam or the States once granted legal status to live and work in any U.S. jurisdiction. They said this would leave the CNMI without the needed workforce, given the lack of trained local workers.

#### 'Transition periods proposed in NMI immigration bill unrealistic'

The Fitial administration says the transition periods proposed in the NMI immigration bill are unrealistic. In an analysis of S. 1634, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagoz expressed doubt that the five agencies involved can complete their tasks within a year after the bill becomes law. They also questioned the concept of a 10-year transition program, calling the deadline for elimination of nonresident workers "arbitrary." Under the bill, the U.S. secretary of Homeland Security must work with the State secretary, the attorney general, the Labor secretary, and the Interior secretary to establish the 10-year transition period within a year after the legislation is enacted. Their task involves promulgating regulations and staffing the new immigration system in the Commonwealth.



# Occupancy rate at 78 pct. in June

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported yesterday a 77.74-percent occupancy among its 12 member hotels for June 2013, a 14-percent increase compared to June 2012.

A total of 56,046 of 72,090 available room nights sold in June 2013, compared to 46,068 of 72,060 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room

rates were \$102.67 during the month, compared to \$92.51 in June 2012.

“While Japan and Korea markets remain important to us, the growth of the China market has been a great benefit to the Northern Marianas tourism industry,” said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. “The overwhelming majority of all our visitors say they come here to enjoy nature—our clean beach-

es, blue oceans, clear skies, and green land. It’s important that we maintain the clean environment and natural beauty of Saipan, Tinian and Rota to keep visitors coming.”

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 84.13 percent, 10 percent higher than last year. The number is just over a healthy industry indicator average of 80 percent occupancy. *(HANMI)*

# \$3.4M rebate, payment for CDA factored in CUC’s rate proposal

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The latest rate hike proposal of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. factors in some items, including the rebates of \$3.4 million for customers and the payment of preferred stock to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

This was according to Charles Warren, chief executive officer of the utilities corporation, who filed his testimony with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

Public Law 16-7, enacted in July 2008, requires CUC to implement a residential rate reduction or begin a residential consumer rebate program in the amount of \$3.4 million.

Warren said this was not brought to the commission’s table in previous years because CUC was in the middle of a power crisis at the time. Also,

without a CPUC over the last year and a half, CUC has not had the opportunity to raise the issue.

“We would like to bring relief to our poorest customers. We understand the hardship our customers are facing. What we propose is that the rebate be used solely to benefit those residential customers who use from 0-200 kWh of electricity per month in their home. We anticipate that the rebate will offset a substantial portion, if not all, of the customers’ electric charges, essentially giving them free power,” according to Warren.

He said that CUC chose 200 kWh as the cutoff because it believes this method will include most of its poorest customers.

Also factored in the new rate proposal is the payment of preferred stock dividend to CDA.

In 2009, CUC signed an agreement to settle a lawsuit with CDA where it would ex-

change \$45 million in preferred stock, with 2 percent cumulative annual dividends, for a past loan and accrued interest of about \$144 million.

According to Warren, it was agreed that the first three years of dividend payments would be deferred, payable at no interest over the following 15 years. In 2012, CUC would have to start paying \$900,000 per year plus the deferred dividend amount.

“The CDA agreement provides for payments to CDA. My concern is that each year, CUC falls behind, the arrears become that much more insurmountable. This is money that must be paid, and therefore it must be included in CUC rates,” according to Warren, adding that the amount currently owed CDA for dividends includes \$900,000 for fiscal year 2013 and \$2.7 million deferred dividends for fiscal years 2010-2012, which is payable at \$180,000 per year.



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**Requirements:** 1-3 years planning/distribution experience. Knowledge and merchandising analysis and systems. Interpersonal savvy. Must have skills in analytical, functional and technical, written communication. Excellent customer service skills. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

#### Logistics Assistant (03)

**Job Duties:** Perform a variety of tasks related to receiving merchandise and maintaining the retail outlet’s inventory management system. Supervise the receiving and unloading of shipments of various deliveries. Match carton counts to packing slips, invoices or other documents. Inspect boxes for visual damages. Ensure the team follows up on credit requests with shipping company or vendor. Notify Corporate Allocations department on damages, short shipped or delayed product. Maintain receiving logs. Pack and ship product to other locations as requested by the corporate offices. Communicate with vendor in regards to mis-shipped or substituted items to be returned. Verify all items scan into stores POS before sending to departments for processing. Close out all receiving documents on a daily basis. Oversee the entry of all department Purchase Orders into the PO Management System. Notify Department Managers of any Non Approved items on PO’s. Responsible for training all receiving employees on proper receiving procedures and update team as new processes are implemented or modified. Coach and counsel receiving employees regarding their job duties. Communicate effectively with all Store Prepare and submit reports as requested. Maintain safe work environment. Support all Company policies and procedures. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.

**Requirements:** High school diploma. Some college a plus. 2+ years retail experience. 1-2 years of prior working experience in similar fields. Prior supervisory experience. Prior retail experience preferred but not required. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Excellent customer service skills. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a work team. Sense of urgency and ability to meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

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**Job Duties:** Develop brand, classification and item vision to support Asian demographic profiles through acquisition, development and management of local vendors; set and follow through annual and seasonal objectives for each business and Vendor. Build cross-international office, one-vision assortments that support strategic, targeted, regional, demographic merchandising vision and are relevant (productive & profitable) oversee direct assortment planning that effectively addresses and delivers product; responsible for Floor planning as it relates to vendor space planning; manage and maintain in-store signage.

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent in Business management, Business administration Marketing or relevant field; Between 5 and 8 years merchandising experience in a fast paced, results driven organization; Excellent knowledge of product, domestic and international markets and brand negotiations; Ability to operate with complexity of time zone differences with strong communication skills and flexibility. Strong analytical skills and ability to communicate in a clear & concise manner; Passion for excellence demonstrated through results; Strong interpersonal skills, highly organized with strong attention to detail; solution based, energetic and team oriented; Strong computer skills – Intermediate to Advanced knowledge of Excel, Word and Power Point. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

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**Requirements:** High school graduate for equivalent. Prior experience preferred. Knowledge of basic arithmetic. Well-developed keyboarding skills. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

#### Store Manager (02)

**Job Duties:** Identifies and prioritizes business needs to strategically schedule self and staff. Manages turnover by hiring, developing, training, and motivating quality staff. Communicates effectively with all contacts. Promotes open communication and assists staff with conflict resolution. Implements and monitors the effectiveness of inventory and cash controls procedures. Responds to customer inquiries and concerns. Ensures that appropriate products are available and effectively merchandised. Ensures that standards for quality, customer service, health, and safety are met. Prepares and submits reports as requested. Maintains the highest level of honesty, integrity, ethical and moral conduct at all times. Conscientiously strives to meet or exceed budgetary goals, understands how to achieve sales increases while maintaining expense controls. Enforces company policies consistently with all associates while providing leadership and maintaining management integrity. Other duties as needed to meet business needs.

**Requirements:** 5+ years retail experience with at least 3 years experience as store assistant or department manager. Bachelor’s degree in appropriate field or equivalent experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Well-developed written and verbal communication skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Well-developed ability to make appropriate decisions in stressful situations. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

#### Retail Supervisor (05)

**Job Duties:** Responsible for assisting the Store Manager with managing the day-to-day operations; following Company policies and procedures; ensuring that sales, and customer service targets are met. Maintains operations for an assigned shift and may function as the shift manager. Align the customer experience to the company vision – ‘Exceptional People Delivering Exceptional Product’. Drive sales, clearance, promotions and incentive targets with passion. Focus on ways to increase and continually improve; ensure a high energy, positive floor experience for staff and customers. Effectively communicate the company objectives to Team Leads and Sales Associates. Review sales productivity and individual sales team member’s performance on a regular basis. Create and promote a positive work environment in line with Tan Holdings values. Provide effective team leadership through open communication, training, coaching and active encouragement to meet and exceed goals.

**Requirements:** 2+ years retail experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

#### Visual Merchandiser (01)

**Job Duties:** Drive branding and business objectives/sales through excellent execution of visual merchandising and presentation. Utilize all company tools, visual talent, and knowledge to plan, map, and execute monthly floor sets incorporating appropriate store specific adaptations as necessary. Develop and implement brand appropriate solutions to address these unique needs. In partnership with store management, continually analyze and respond to business/selling trends, assortment needs, and guest feedback-proactively adapt merchandising and presentations as needed. Ensure all signage and graphics are installed and maintained to company standards. Maintain two-way communication with appropriate partners regarding visual merchandising and store maintenance. Actively participate in store-related meetings, training sessions, and store visits. Reference, share, and apply product knowledge information on an ongoing basis. Maintain neat, orderly, and accessible, prop and sign storage areas. Participate in cleaning and upkeep of the physical store at the direction of store management. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.

**Requirements:** College degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in visual merchandising and presentation. Specialty retailer preferred. Strong demonstrated visual merchandising/presentation skills—detail oriented and self-motivated to execute to the highest standards. Knowledgeable of current fashion and visual merchandising trends and able to effectively interpret/apply to our brand. Proficient with basic computer programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), digital photography, and basic photo software. Strong interpersonal skills. Able to articulate and explain ideas and concepts. Excellent customer service skills. Strong time management skills. Ability to set and achieve goals in a timely manner. Strong organizational and process planning skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

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## The unsavory 'murderabilia' market

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I didn't know much about the bizarre U.S. market in "murderabilia" until I became an unwitting part of it. But I now know more than I'd like to about the buying and selling of souvenirs linked to gruesome murders.

My encounter with the market came after a copy of my book, *Lost Girls*, which chronicles the rape and murder of San Diego-area teenagers Chelsea King and Amber Dubois, showed up on a website fittingly called darkvomit.com. It was autographed by the murderer.

On the page opposite my dedication to his two victims, sexual predator John Gardner had written: "I'm sorry for all the pain that I have caused," and signed his name. Because of Gardner's inscription, a paperback that normally sells for \$7 was being offered for a whopping \$275.

Darkvomit.com, one of at least half a dozen U.S. murderabilia websites, is run by San Diego dealer Kelly Hutchison. I learned that he was hawking my book when I started getting calls from the media. I was disturbed, but I soon realized there wasn't much I could do. People want to buy this stuff, and the market has expanded because of the Internet, which allows them to shop for it privately.

Andy Kahan, a victims' advocate from Houston, has made it his personal mission to expose and, ultimately, he hopes, stop the unsavory trade. He says he's seen all kinds of artifacts offered for sale, including murderers' artwork, fingernail clippings, used deodorant, even trimmings from Charles Manson's hair shaped into a swastika.

It's hard to fathom what motivates collectors of murderabilia, but I do understand the fascination with murder itself. As an author, I research and write about murder cases to try to understand what motivates killers to commit horrible, violent acts against other human beings. I think it's important in our too-violent culture to examine the larger societal issues involved. I'm also interested in educating readers about how the justice system works, and how law enforcement and attorneys on both sides put their cases together.

But the public isn't always looking for lessons. People want to be entertained, and murder has become an abundantly popular subject for novels, movies and TV shows. An entire channel, Investigation Discovery, is dedicated to the topic.

In that context, it's not surprising that dealers are seeking to profit from selling grisly collector's items.

Kahan is doing his best to make the trade socially unacceptable. After successfully persuading eBay to remove murderabilia items from its site, he is now trying to get Facebook to clamp down on all murderabilia pages, including Serial Killers Ink, whose postings include grisly crime scene photos of naked, decomposing women who were bludgeoned with a hammer and stuffed into 55-gallon barrels. The page also shows a drawing by a convicted murderer and rapist, portraying a half-naked nun giving oral sex to Jesus on the cross. But so far, Facebook has refused to remove the material.

The murderabilia trade is mostly legal (only eight states currently have laws regulating or banning it), but Kahan keeps looking for ways to impede it. He has corresponded with killers, including David Berkowitz, to explore how items offered for sale get out of prisons and into dealers' hands. He says he's heard about dealers who work just like sexual predators, groom-

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## Puke on the train to Shiyan

After it became clear that traveling further northeast or west in Sichuan in the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture was no longer an option with the rain and the landslides, we thought that flying back was the cheapest way to go. There were no soft bed tickets available on the 40-hour return on the train, and since the nation was also on the move, train ticket scalpers, notwithstanding the I.D. requirement at purchase, have also cornered the remaining seats on the market. Our best bet was to take staggered trips of 6- to 12-hour lengths that would not require a train soft bed. It was more costly but it got us to really rub elbows with the local.

But why is China on the move this summer? Someone has been toying with domestic consumption and keeping the economy humming on internal fuel. In two of the "old towns" I visited, Songli and Pingle in the earthquake country of Ya'an, there were throngs of students with their pencils sharpened, brushes cleaned, sketchbooks crisp and pristine, and easels on the ready, who came from other places to spend 10 days, eight hours per day, drawing images of ancient architecture of houses, alleys, and cobblestones.

In Songli, we had 6th graders all the way to university students. The lower grades walked in straight lines as a group. The university students were more scattered but congregated in groups of twos to a dozen. They were from out of town, which jacked the occupancy rate of hostels, pricing us up in the market.

In Pingle, the artists mostly came from a university in Chengdu with some of them in the hotel where I stayed. The students had their instructors with them so they were a lively sight when they got to their positions at 8am and when they packed up at 4pm. At sundown, the food and tea/beer consumption shoots up.

The rains were steady so the old irrigation systems in both locations (the reason they were constructed by ancient royal families) had murky raging waters overflowing their banks. The umbrella and rubber thong merchants, however, were happy.

That's when I ran into the kiss, kiss fish (*qin qin*), and from the posters on the walls of the six storefronts offering the service, they

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all had posters bearing "lost in Thailand." The service is a foot massage where small fish in aquariums with adequate aeration laid out on the floor nibble at the dead skin of clients' feet; in my case, on the aging foot and calf, seated on a wooden bench that straddles across the fish pen. A full body massage was also offered, but we passed.

The experience was ticklish at first, but it was unmistakably neural, and the massage sensational! I had hoped to head for the waters of Juizhaiguo and Huanglong from there but the rains would not abate and traffic was not allowed in the areas of widespread landslides and disastrous flooding.

So, back to Chengdu and on to CQ. The Chongqing Train Station was a mass of humanity, of stranded passengers who could not buy tickets and made themselves at home in the passageways. It was scorching despite the rain. Also, CQ widely enforced the "licensed to accommodate foreigners" rule so I was refused billeting at the first local hotel I went to, but I lucked out on the second where the owner's daughter was an English major and was only delighted to practice it on this stranger. She explained why they were not allowed to accommodate me, but called a friend in another hotel for help.

About four blocks from the train station were high-rise apartments where four "hotel" offices on the ground floor shared the building by letting out rooms. Since they were not exactly hotels (may be timeshares, her friend got me a 17th floor Hilton at Day Inn's cost.

At CQ's Chaotianmen park, the roving students in uniform from Beijing roamed the park to conduct a socioeconomic survey. Again,

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JAIME R. VERGARA

Inside the train when it was least crowded. Most of the SRO crowd hung out in between cars where the attendants ignored their smoking.



# Tren (train) chichipopo’

Iya America i mas suette na nasion gi enteru ulmundo. Metgot ekonomiaña yan i mas fuetsudu gi halom nasion. Kada kume para makinan ekonomiaña sige adumididi’ mona.

Era, i mas man-dikiki’ na tren (train) siha bumabatsala maseha esta nina’ fan fofontun ni makat katgan niha gi santatte. Este na tren i tatalu’ ekonomian maseha manu na tanu’ ni adel-antau kinalamteña.

Gi un’ tiempu lokue Marianas maseha gumai tren ni dañkulu (homlu’ ekonomiaña) era i man-dikiki’ siha na tren bumabatsala. I fuetsan este na patte gi makenarian ekonomian i tanu’ mina’ mesñgon gi halom maseha haf’ na baraña.

Lau ‘nai hu rikonose gi alacha i tren siha ni hagas bumatsala hit, ni unu kalalamten. Memegaiña hagas mapunu’ makinan niha. Ni asu ni sessu fumalague puntan tasi gi sanlagu hagas maliñgu.

Ayu siha na tren (bisnis man-dikiki’) lamegai humuchum pettan niha. Kontodu ayu siha na resturan (restaurant) ni sessu hu fatoigue antes esta hagas man-hanau.

Mampos i mattirin guaguan kandet yan hanom sa’pet para siha. Fuera de ennau, mana fan pinalo’pu’ mas tax yan otru siha apas. Mas kinanu’ i dididi’ na ganansian niha na ni sueddon empleau ti nahoñg.

Ha diñgu i tanu’ ya ha chule’ huyuñg kase \$7 biyon pesus gi fi-ñkas niha. Guiya este na salape’ i hagas kumilulog gi ekonomian iya Marianas.

Pa’gu na biahe, hita mañgikilulog gi halom bariles ni tai sinah-guan. Sige man-afaisen hit haf’ guaha kulan tropan man-tatamudu. De dios mihu!

## Satbayon asunto-ta

Pot mas ke kuattru sientus años ha esgaihon hit si guelu yan guela gi halom mattirin ‘nos kuantos nasion. Masuñgun todú mattirin insuttu

yan minamahlau lau ni unabes ‘nai masotta proteksion i manatatte.

Estague’ debi tafa’ fafayita gi halom i lumulumos hit na chubas-kon chinatsaga. Libianu ta esgaihon galaide’ta gi halom man-loka’ lañgat. Monhayan si guelu ha prueba na satbayon maseha haf’ pumalo’pu’ i natibu.

Sensian pinasensia yan minatañga gi halom mattiru propiu na ta mostra giya hita mismu piot pa’gu na tiempu. Ti siña na para kada ratu ta suhaye obligasion asuntun linahyan.

Para todú i difirientes na talentun man-ma-elihe, haf’ minapotña dinaña fitme na disision para umatutuhon satbasion problema ni ha-gas ta upus? Haf’ na para taiguine na heñiu guaha i para ta yotte gi un’ banda dichu asuntun publiku pot man-tai bali siha na asuntu? Todú ‘ste na diskuidu?

## Maliliku’e karetan guaka

Kada man-tinetpe sustansiau na asuntun linahyan, manunog ginen i karetan guaka ya sige malilikue’. Fuera de ennau, mafatta lokue’ na ma-aliligau i toru ni gaige ha’ gi sagaña.

Tantu de man-baila chacha, kada ratu man-sulun ya ma-upus haf’ sessu muna’ kara’ i programan man-ritirau. Lau ma-usune otru atte (pension obligation bond) ‘nos pot satbasion soluke para uma-asegura na mana’ pinalo’pu’ mas dibi gi hilu \$740 mi-yon na kuenta pa’gu.

Gi hilu’ este na diskuidu, haf’ taimanu fitme pisun i programa yangin taya’ salape humahalom gi fondu? Desde ñgai’an na siña unna’ bula i tañken hanom sin mafagte? Lehitimu lau kau magahet na mapot este na kuestion?

Estague’ masusesede ‘nai taya’ satton yan sisiyu na interes para u guaha kabales na satbasion asuntun publiku siha. Este na heñiu ni ha tutuhon esta kumilulog siempre u fattu tatte gi redondoña ya u sugu’

# Dark days for China and the Philippines

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As far as dark days go, July 24, 2012, is akin historically to Feb. 18, 1932, when Japan proclaimed the state of Manchukuo as the governing body for the region of Manchuria, which Japan had invaded and detached from China.

This July 24 marks the first anniversary of China’s creation of the “Sansha City” prefecture to “oversee and administer” the one million square mile South China Sea, vesting it with the power, effective Jan. 1, 2013, “to board, seize and expel foreign ships” within its jurisdiction.

Beijing’s creation of Sansha City was preceded by a series of provocative Chinese moves against the Philippines, including the 2012 occupation of the Scarborough Shoal by 90 Chinese ships, an increased Chinese military presence at Ayungin Reef, and a Chinese general’s boastful exposition of China’s “cabbage strategy.”

The thrust of the cabbage strategy, Maj. Gen. Zhang Zhaozhong explained, is to surround the Philippine territories with a massive Chinese naval presence to starve Filipino detachments and prevent reinforcements from reaching them.

What China adduces as a legal basis for its aggressive moves is

a *note verbale* that Beijing submitted to the United Nations on May 7, 2009, which asserted China’s “indisputable sovereignty” over the entire South China Sea.

Accompanying the note was the “Nine-Dash-Line” map, originally drawn by the Kuomintang in 1947, which asserts dominion even over those islands and reefs that have long been a part of the southern Philippine province of Palawan, some 1,000 miles from China. It also encompasses the Recto Bank, located just 85 nautical miles from Palawan, which reportedly contains 250 billion barrels of oil.

China insists that the Philippines is not entitled to its 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea because the whole area falls under China’s “indisputable sovereignty.” In China’s view, the boundaries of all countries extend just 12 nautical miles from their coasts.

If allowed to stand, China’s “Nine-Dash-Line” claim will go down as the most brazen maritime territorial grab in history.

In contrast to China, which is threatening to use force to enforce its claims, the Philippines has advocated working within a multilateral framework such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to resolve territorial disagreements.

On Jan. 22, 2013, the Philippines brought its case over China’s

## By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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gi pettan kada unu. Yahu limie’ haf’ ineppen miyu ‘nai man-finana’ hamyu gi ti apmam yan pa’gu. \*\*\*

## Listuyu’ estrakadan proteksion publiku

Siña ha’ sumen mauleg amestat-ta kumu amigo desde antes. Ennau na inatuñgu’ tai raya soluke pot betgansa un’ disidi kumompatte sin presisu. Ta asañge hinassu gi hilu’ toa’ na eskalera. I respetuhu giya hagu u saga intaktu gi hilu’ inakomprende na ti bai’ seha humagu’ mona pasuhu gi proteksion direchun publiku. Taya’ kampu para bai’ sakrifisia linala’ tautau-ta.

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Gi todú este ileghu na parehu diniseha-ta: Adelantun linala’ tau-tau-ta. Taya’ otru gaige gi oriya fuera ke hita mismu. Ti hilu’ pinan-sensia, mantene kanaihu ya ta hita mamokat. Si Iku.

illegal occupation of its Scarborough Shoal to the United Nations Arbitral Tribunal, which began its formal hearing on the Philippine petition on July 11.

Unfortunately, China has ignored the UN petition and insists only on bilateral talks to resolve its territorial disputes, where it can easily bamboozle its weaker neighbors.

China’s behavior in the South China Sea dispute is not that of a state rectifying borders violated by colonial rule as China did in dismantling Manchukuo and reclaiming Manchuria after the Second World War. It is instead the arrogant behavior of an imperial state, imitating the expansionist conduct of the Western powers it condemned.

In the effort of the Philippine government to defend its interests in the South China Sea, it has had only one reliable source of support: the Filipino nation. Standing squarely behind the government are not only the 90 million people living in the Philippines but also the 12 million Filipinos in the global diaspora, all vowing that their Motherland will not be bullied into submission by China.

At 12 noon on July 24, Filipinos will hold protest rallies simultaneously in front of China’s consular offices all over the world to bring global condemnation to bear on China to make it rethink the cost of its aggression toward the Philippines.

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## MURDERABILIA

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ing killers through the mail and during prison visits. Items are then handed over or mailed, and are often traded among dealers. Profits are sometimes shared with the killers.

I wanted to ask Hutchison how my book came to be autographed by Gardner and offered for sale on his website, but he didn’t respond to my interview requests. Gardner told officials at Corcoran state prison, where he is serving a life sentence, that he got the book from his mother and sent it out. But she told me she thought it came from my publisher. Prison policy dictates that books must be sent directly from the publisher or they are considered contraband.

Corcoran spokesman Lt. Anthony Baer said a book with such a notation should have been flagged and confiscated. If Gardner put it in the outgoing mail, he said, “that’s our bad, because obviously the cops didn’t catch that.... They probably just thumbed through it and it went out.”

The trade in murderabilia trivializes and even celebrates tragedy, causing further pain to victims’ families. But it will continue as long as a market exists. The public can express its outrage and pressure prisons to be more vigilant about stemming the flow, but the most effective way to stop these sales is even simpler: Just don’t buy the stuff.

*Caitlin Rother has written or co-authored nine books, including “Lost Girls” and “Poisoned Love.” She wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.*

## TRAIN

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someone had primed the summer with many students on the consumption basket.

So, what is the *puke* on the train to Shiyan where we are next headed?

No, I did not throw up, though there were a couple of places we could have when the aircon was turned off and it got unbearably hot even with the upper windows opened. Nor is it a Hawai’ian fish; and definitely, not what would make Pinoy girls giggle. It is the card game poker, and the vendors on the train sold them (they literary wheel in meals if one was inclined to taste the sloppy

gruel). The table across the aisle played a hand that looked like *mahjong* with cards and I was asked to join. I didn’t but that’s how I discovered what “poh-ke” meant. On the card box, it was spelled p-u-k-e! I deferred from any further pedagogical elucidation on the word.

It was a nine-hour journey, down and dirty. The aisles had passengers who brought in their own plastic stools since China trains sell more tickets than there are seats available, and with the aircon off, flush water non-operational (had to fill up a trash bucket with water to clean the squat toilet), the constant harangue of vendors from food to hand towels, and piles of trash everywhere, we were clear we were back in the world of the *hoi polloi*.






Egalitarian proletariat of China has some stylistic refinements to work on.



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# The Weather

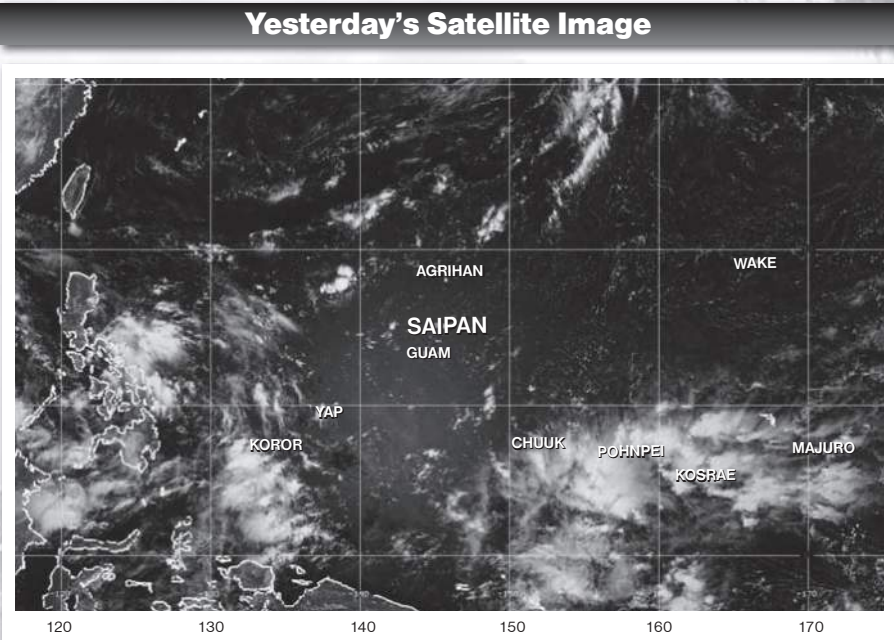
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast Wednesday.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast Wednesday.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 80
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 75
Yap	Showers	▲ 90 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲ 60 ▼ 53
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 74
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 74
London	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 63
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 76
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 73
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 91 ▼ 68
Pusan	Windy	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Rome	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 70
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 91 ▼ 58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 72
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 74
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 74

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
10:00 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low centered well northwest of Guam at 18N138E is triggering isolated thunderstorms west of the far northern CNMI within 75 miles of 18N139E and 22N140E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 13N130E to 17N135E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen well west of Guam west of a line from 17N136E to 10N136E. A monsoon trough extends southeastward through 8N130E to 3N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found southwest of Koror along and southwest of the trough axis. A few thunderstorms are found near Koror and Yap west of a line from EQ139E to 10N139E. Trade-wind convergence is coupling with divergent upper-level winds to produce numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms across Kosrae and Pohnpei states within 135 miles of a line from 6N153E to 6N167E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen elsewhere between 2N and 9N from 150E to 174E. This includes Chuuk state and the Marshall Islands.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:57 AM	6:50 PM	Today	7:09 PM	6:06 AM
Wednesday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM	Wednesday	8:00 PM	7:09 AM
Thursday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM	Thursday	8:47 PM	8:09 AM
Friday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM	Friday	9:32 PM	9:06 AM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM	Saturday	10:15 PM	10:01 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013						
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am 2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm 1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily	ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
				UA5062	3:45am	4:20am 1, 3, 5
				UA5038	11:15am	11:50am 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN		
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN		
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm 7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN		
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm 4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1 Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm 3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm 3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1 2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN			
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1 1, 5 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



# Business

## FHB posts six-month net income of \$104.5M

**HAGÁTÑA, Guam**—First Hawaiian Bank reported first half net income of \$104.5 million, down 7.7 percent over the first half of 2012. Second quarter net income of \$51.9 million was down 8.0 percent over the comparable quarter of 2012, according to Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank president and chief executive officer, yesterday.

The reduction in net income is due primarily to a gain on the sale of securities and the sale of leased equipment recorded in the first half of 2012. Excluding the one-time gains, first half net income for 2013 increased by 3.3 percent over the adjusted first half of 2012. Total assets

grew to \$16.6 billion, an increase of 3.1 percent.

» **Total assets reach \$16.6 billion**

During the second quarter, First Hawaiian saw steady growth in loans as customers continued to take advantage of historic low interest rates to borrow for their personal and business needs. Deposit growth in our bank reflects increasing consumer confidence. Tourism is driving our economic recovery but has been joined by more job creation in the construction sector which should lead to an overall healthier state economy," said Harrison. "We are optimistic that our local economic recovery will continue at a steady, measured pace, despite the recent modest increase in interest rates."

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, First Hawaiian Bank achieved the following:

- **Total Assets:** \$16.6 billion, up 3.1 percent.
- **Total Deposits:** \$12.9 billion, an increase of 2.1 percent.
- **Loans and Leases:** \$9.2 billion, up 7.3 percent.
- **Non-Performing Assets to Total Assets:** remained one of the lowest in the nation at 0.22 percent.

- **Efficiency Ratio:** 46.1 percent, making First Hawaiian the most productive bank in Hawaii and one of the most efficient in the nation.

For the second year in a row, the bank was voted the Best Bank in Hawaii by the readers of *Honolulu Magazine* and recognized as one of Hawaii's

Best Places to Work by *Hawaii Business Magazine*. Also during the quarter, the bank was voted as one of the state's Best Banks by the readers of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, the fourth year the bank was recognized.

The second quarter First Hawaiian Bank Hawaii Business Activity Report was re-

leased this month. First Hawaiian reported that overall debit and credit card sales transactions for "same store sales" were up by 8.40 percent, making this the strongest second quarter performance in four years. This continues a positive trend with the first half of 2013 posting 9.68 per-

cent gain over the prior year's comparable period.

First Hawaiian Bank ([www.fhb.com](http://www.fhb.com)) with \$16.6 billion in total assets was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution. (**FHB**)



### ROUNDTrip TICKET

Juan Lizama, left, First Hawaiian Bank vice president and Saipan area manager, presents Arnold M. Indalecio with a roundtrip United Airlines ticket as the winner of FHB's sweepstakes raffle. The bank held a sweepstakes for customers during its Doorbuster Days - United MileagePlus Credit Card promo. The winner of this sweepstakes received a roundtrip United Economy ticket from the CNMI to the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America, Caribbean, Europe, or Micronesia.

## McDonald's prepares to open 1st location in Vietnam

By EMILY BRYSON YORK  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For many in Vietnam, the question has been fraught with impatience and even concern.

Why isn't there a McDonald's there?

Decades after the Vietnam War, and years after the Communist-run country re-engaged with the world, Vietnam will pass another symbolic milestone as a contributor to the global economy when its first McDonald's opens next year in Ho Chi Minh City.

Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's Corp. already operates around the globe. Getting to Vietnam has taken a little more time, but there was little doubt one of the world's most recognizable brands would take on another developing country with a growing middle class.

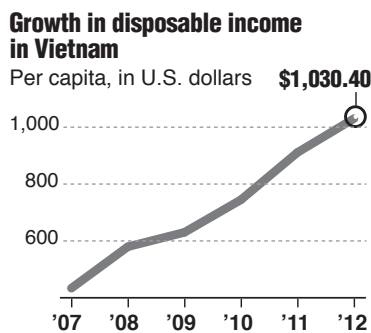
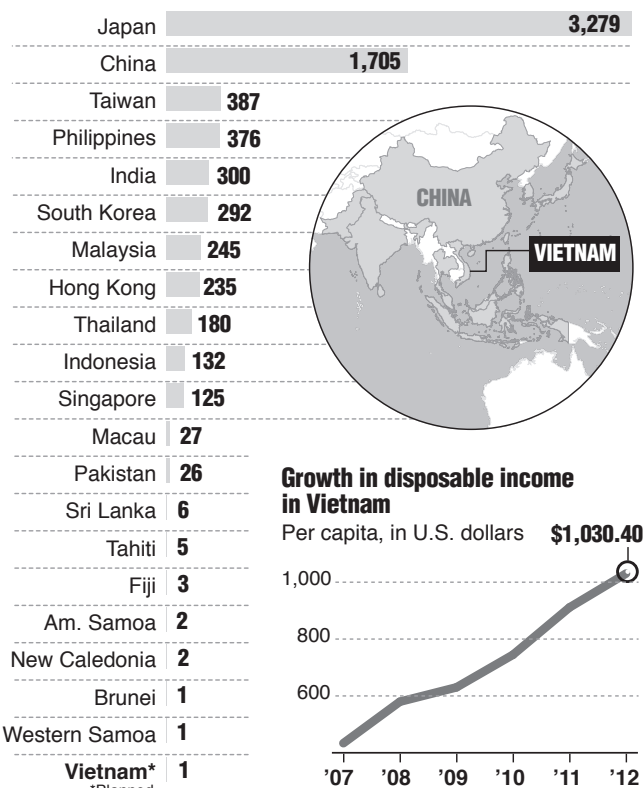
For Vietnam, McDonald's Corp. is turning to a partner with a uniquely American experience: Henry Nguyen, a private equity investor with a medical degree and MBA from Northwestern University who worked at the Golden Arches as a teenager.

Nguyen was born in Vietnam and fled with his family as a toddler in the final days of the war, just before Saigon fell. He returned to the country more than 12 years ago and is a highly visible entrepreneur whose father-in-law, Nguyen Tan Dung, is the country's prime minister.

Nguyen fondly recalls the french fries and hot fudge sundae he enjoyed on his first trip to McDonald's as a 4-year-old. Ten years later, he was making fries and work-

### McDonald's in Asia

McDonald's has announced that it will open its first restaurant in Vietnam, joining other Western chains, such as Starbucks, Subway and Pizza Hut.



Top five chain restaurants in Vietnam	2012 market share	Percentage point change from 2011
KFC	35.8%	3.6
Lotteria	12.9	0.4
Pizza Hut	7.0	-0.1
Highlands Coffee	6.4	0.2
Pho 24	4.0	-7.5

Source: McDonald's, Consumer Foodservice, Euromonitor  
Graphic: Chicago Tribune

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ing the front counter.

"It's a love affair with the brand that started as a young boy," Nguyen said in a phone interview Tuesday from Australia.

Nguyen, 39, and McDonald's believe rising disposable income and a young, urban population in the country

of 90 million will spell success for the company in its 119th market.

"This current young generation is Vietnam's golden generation," Nguyen said. "They will be the ones leading the market and economic development, the ones who are going to change consumption habits."

## Obama to begin new series of economic addresses

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Drawing renewed attention to the economy, President Barack Obama will return this week to an Illinois college where he once spelled out a vision for an expanded and strengthened middle class as a freshman U.S. senator, long before the Great Recession would test his presidency.

The address Wednesday at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., will be the first in a new series of economic speeches that White House aides say Obama intends to deliver over the next several weeks ahead



Obama

of key budget deadlines in the fall. A new fiscal year begins in October, and the government will soon hit its borrowing limit.

The speech comes just a week before Congress is scheduled to leave for its monthlong August recess and is designed to build public pressure on lawmakers in hopes of averting the show-downs over taxes and spending that have characterized past budget debates.

In his economic pitch, Obama will talk about efforts to expand manufacturing, sign up the uninsured for health care coverage, revitalize the housing industry and broaden educational op-

portunities for preschoolers and college students. He will also promote the economic benefits of an immigration overhaul.

The White House is promoting the speech as part of an arc of economic messages from the president that began at Knox College in 2005, when Obama was in his first year in the Senate. Since then, Obama has sought to raise the profile of his economic agenda with periodic speeches, including one at Georgetown University in Washington in 2009 and one in Osawatimie, Kan., in 2011. The

White House posted a video highlighting Obama's previous economic addresses.

The president will also speak Wednesday at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.

Obama's focus on the economy comes as he has experienced a degree of success with the Senate, which passed an overhaul of immigration laws and unclogged a Republican blockade against several presidential nominations. It also reflects a belief at the White House that the administration has been able to manage a series of confrontations with Congress over the In-

ternal Revenue Service, phone surveillance of Americans and the deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

"The president thinks Washington has largely taken its eye off the ball on the most important issue facing the country," Obama senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer said Sunday evening in a message sent to the White House's public email list. "Instead of talking about how to help the middle class, too many in Congress are trying to score political points, re-fight old battles and trump up phony scandals."

Obama's agenda still faces stiff opposition in the House, where Republicans have a majority. On immigration, for example, Speaker John Boehner has said the House will not pass the Senate bill and, instead, intends to deal with the issue on a piecemeal basis.

Obama is pushing to end the federal budget cuts that kicked in this year so they don't extend into the next fiscal year. That could create a showdown with congressional Republicans in September, as the end of the current fiscal year approaches. Some Republicans also want more deficit reduction as a price for raising the debt ceiling, a bargain Obama says he will not make.



## Nation

## Foul odor leads Ohio authorities to grisly find

EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio

(AP)—Authorities responding to a report of a foul odor from a home discovered a body and arrested a registered sex offender who sent police and volunteers through a poor Ohio neighborhood in a search for more victims, officials said Sunday.

East Cleveland Police Chief Ralph Spotts said Sunday that searchers should be prepared to find one or two more victims, but he declined to elaborate. Mayor Gary Norton said the suspect has indicated he might have been influenced by Cleveland serial killer Anthony Sowell, who was convicted in 2011 of murdering 11 women and sentenced to death.

It's the latest in a series of high-profile cases involving the disappearance of women from the Cleveland area.

One body was found Friday in a garage. Two others were found Saturday—one in a backyard and the other in the basement of a vacant house. The three female bodies, all wrapped in plastic bags, were found about 100 to 200 yards apart, and authorities believed the victims were killed in the last six to 10 days.

Searchers rummaging through vacant houses in the same neighborhood Sunday were warned by Spotts to brace themselves for the smell of rotting bodies and to look out for



An investigator and his dog search a wooded area Sunday, July 21, 2013 near where three bodies were recently found in East Cleveland, Ohio. AP

trash bags that might conceal a body. He declined to elaborate on his comments about the possible additional victims.

Norton said authorities have

"lots of reasons" to suspect there are more victims, but he refused to say why.

A 35-year-old registered sex offender in custody is a

suspect in the deaths, Norton said. The suspect, who was arrested Friday after a police standoff, has indicated to authorities he might have been

influenced by Sowell.

"He said some things that led us to believe that in some way, shape, or form, Sowell might be an influence," Norton told The

Associated Press.

Police did not release the suspect's name. The man hasn't been charged.

A report of a foul odor emanating from a home led police to the discovery of the first body, found in a garage, and to the suspect. Two other bodies were found nearby Saturday.

The bodies were each in the fetal position, wrapped in several layers of trash bags, Norton said. He said detectives continue to interview the suspect, who used his mother's address in Cleveland in registering as a sex offender, the mayor said.

"The person in custody, some of the things he said to investigators made us go back today," the mayor said Saturday.

Cuyahoga County medical examiner Dr. Thomas P. Gilson said Sunday that the bodies were in advanced stages of decomposition and that it would take several days to identify them and how they died.

About three dozen volunteers, including community anti-crime activists, fanned out Sunday morning across yards, through vacant houses and along a railroad to help police search. The chief advised them to watch for missing floor boards as they looked inside houses. One young searcher crawled under a board screwed across a door to go inside a house to search.

## Michigan gov says bankruptcy the right choice

DETROIT (AP)—It wasn't easy making Detroit the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy protection, but it was the right decision, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said Sunday as he, the city's mayor and its emergency manager made the television talk show rounds.

Snyder, a Republican, gave his blessing to emergency manager Kevyn Orr's decision to file for bankruptcy for Detroit on Thursday.

"We looked through every other viable option," Snyder said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"The debt question needs to be addressed. But even more important is the accountability to the citizens of Detroit," said Snyder. "They are not getting the services they deserve and they haven't for a very long time. So this can has been getting kicked down the road for decades. Enough is enough and now's the time to turn it around."

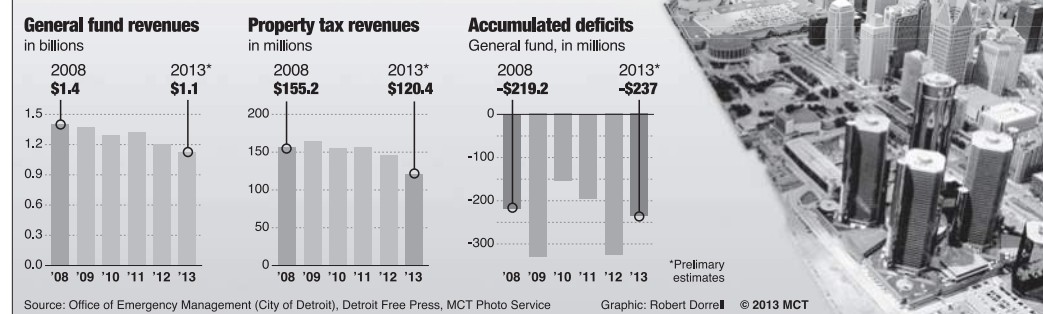
On NBC's "Meet the Press," Snyder said if Detroit's restructuring proves successful, the city could roar back stronger than before.

"We're moving now on improving Detroit," he added.

The state hired Orr in March to fix Detroit's ballooning debt and more than \$300 million bud-

## 'Detroit's broke' - Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder

On July 18, Detroit became the largest American city to declare Chapter 9 bankruptcy, bowing to decades of steadily declining population, reduced tax revenue and job losses in the auto industry. Gov. Snyder approved the bankruptcy filing and a restructuring plan put forth by Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr. Some vital statistics:



get deficit. He is a turnaround specialist and represented automaker Chrysler LLC during its successful restructuring.

Orr laid out his plans in a June meeting with debt holders, in which his team warned there was a 50-50 chance of a bankruptcy filing. The city then stopped paying \$2.5 billion in unsecured debt to "conserve cash" for police, fire and other services.

Orr has said Detroit's long-term debt burden could be as much as \$20 billion.

Over the past six decades, Detroit's population has shrunk from 1.8 million to about 700,000. The city has about 10,000 active public workers and 18,000 retired ones who are still owed pension and health benefits.

The costs of health care and

pension contributions over the years have outpaced the revenue Detroit was bringing in from property and business taxes and other sources. The city has been unable to make those contributions and pay current payroll and other bills.

Funds that cover retiree health coverage are underfunded by about \$5.7 billion. Ones that cover pension obligations are underfunded by about \$3.5 billion.

"We're going to have a dialogue with the pension funds about what we can do," Orr told "Fox News Sunday."

"And all we're talking about in this restructuring is the unfunded component of those pension funds," he said. "There have to be concessions."

Bing, a first-term mayor who announced earlier this year he would not seek re-election in the fall, has been opposed to state oversight and bankruptcy. On Sunday, he told ABC's "This Week" that he hopes the filing can be a new start for the city.

"Detroiters are very, very resilient people," said Bing, a professional basketball Hall-of-Famer who spent most of his career with the NBA's Detroit Pistons. "Detroit is a very iconic city, worldwide. Its people will fight for this and we will come back."

But he doesn't expect much, if any, help in the way of bailout money from the federal government.

"Now that the (bankruptcy) filing is done, we need to step back and see what's next," Bing said.

## Report: Limo driver on phone before fatal fire

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.

(AP)—The estranged wife of the Northern California limousine driver who was behind the wheel when a fire in the vehicle killed five women celebrating a wedding said he had been arguing with her on the phone moments before the blaze, according to a newspaper report Sunday.

Rachel "Raquel" Hernandez-Brown told the San Jose Mercury News that during their shouting match, Orville Brown turned up the music in the limo so his passengers couldn't hear the tense conversation.

"The music was really loud. And I kept yelling, 'I can't hear you. Turn it down,'" Hernandez-Brown told the newspaper. "I said, 'You're not paying attention.' You know, like, get off the phone. Stop calling me."

One of the nine nurses in the vehicle said she banged on the partition to warn the driver that the back of the limo was filling with smoke. Brown told authorities that he initially misunderstood the warning as a request to smoke a cigarette and kept driving.

Hernandez-Brown, in her first comments about the May 4 vehicle fire, said Brown called moments after getting

out of the limo to tell her it was ablaze.

"He was continuously calling me back," she told the Mercury News. "I said, 'Well, what made you call me first?' He said, 'Well, I don't know, I didn't know who else to call.'"

The couple have four children and separated about a month before the fire on the San Mateo Bridge. Hernandez-Brown called police hours before the blaze to report that Brown had kicked and dented her car during an argument. He had left the scene before police arrived.

"We need to follow up on this," Karen Guidotti, chief deputy San Mateo County district attorney, told the newspaper when told of its finding.

California High Patrol Capt. Mike Maskarich said Sunday that investigators did interview Hernandez-Brown, but he declined to discuss what she said.

"The matter is still in the review process," he said, declining to discuss the investigation any further.

The newspaper reported that the CHP was expected to announce the cause of the fire soon, and investigators had focused on friction from the drive shaft.



# Asia

## Strong earthquake in western China kills 20 people

**BEIJING (AP)**—A strong earthquake struck a rural part of western China on Monday morning, killing at least 20 people and injuring 296, according to the local government.

The quake hit near the city of Dingxi in Gansu province, a region of mountains, desert and pastureland with a population of 26 million. That makes it one of China's more lightly populated provinces, although the New Jersey-sized Dingxi area has a greater concentration of farms

and towns with a total population of about 2.7 million.

The deaths and injuries were reported in Min County and other rural southern parts of the municipality, Dingxi Mayor Tang Xiaoming told state broadcaster CCTV. Tang said damage was worst in the counties of Zhang and Min, where scores of homes were damaged and telephone and electricity services knocked out.

Residents described shaking windows and swinging lights

but little major damage and little panic. Shaking was felt in the provincial capital of Lanzhou 177 kilometers (110 miles) north, and as far away as Xi'an, 400 kilometers (250 miles) to the east.

"You could see the chandeliers wobble and the windows vibrating and making noise, but there aren't any cracks in the walls. Shop assistants all poured out onto the streets when the shaking began," said a front desk clerk at the Wuyang Hotel

in the Zhang County seat about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the epicenter. The clerk surnamed Bao refrained from identifying herself further, as is common among ordinary Chinese.

The government's earthquake monitoring center said the initial quake at 7:45 a.m. (2345 GMT Sunday) was magnitude-6.6 and subsequent tremors included a magnitude-5.6.

The quake was shallow, which can be more destructive. The center said it struck about 20 kilometers (12.4 miles) beneath the surface, while the Gansu provincial earthquake administration said it was just 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) deep.

The U.S. Geological Survey measured the magnitude of the initial quake as 5.9 and the depth at 10 kilometers (6 miles).

Initial measurements of an earthquake can vary widely, especially if different monitoring equipment is used.

Dingxi is about 1,233 kilometers (766 miles) west of Beijing.

China's worst earthquake in recent years was a 7.9-magnitude temblor that struck the southwestern province of Sichuan in 2008, leaving 90,000 people dead or missing.

## US considers salvaging bombs from Barrier Reef

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)**—The U.S. Navy said on Monday it is considering salvaging four unarmed bombs dropped by U.S. fighter jets into Australia's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park last week when a training exercise went wrong.

The two AV-8B Harrier jets launched from the amphibious assault ship USS *Bonhomme Richard* during joint exercises with the Australian military each jettisoned an inert, concrete-filled practice bomb and an unarmed laser-guided explosive bomb into the World Heritage-listed marine park off the coast of Queensland state on Tuesday. None exploded.

The Great Barrier Reef, the

world's largest network of coral structures, is rich in marine life and stretches more than 3,000 kilometers (1,800 miles) along Australia's northeast coast.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the government manager of the 345,400 square kilometer (133,360 square miles) protected marine zone, said in a statement that identifying options for the "rapid recovery" of the bombs so that they could pose no risk to the marine park was "a high priority."

But the authority also said the ordnances posed a "low risk to the marine environment."

"Based on where the ordnance have been dropped in a

location that is in water around 50 meters (164 feet) deep, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) from the nearest reef and 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the shoreline, the immediate impact on the marine environment is thought to be negligible," the statement said.

U.S. 7th Fleet spokesman Lt. David Levy said Monday the Navy was currently reviewing the possibility of retrieving the ordnances in consultation with Australian authorities.

"If the park service and the government agencies of Australia determine that they want those recovered, then we will coordinate with them on that recovery process," Levy said in an email.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 7 killed in clash of 2 families in Philippines

**CAGAYAN DE ORO, Philippines (AP)**—At least seven people are dead in the Philippines after two families locked in a longstanding feud battled each other with guns, police said. Such violent clan conflicts, known as "rido," have long complicated security worries in the country's south, which is already mired in decades-long Muslim rebellions. Armed members and followers of the Macugar and Capal families confronted each other late Friday in a village of Bayang town in Lanao del Sur province, sparking a gunbattle that left seven people dead and five others wounded, police officer Ansari Musa said by telephone. Police and soldiers were deployed to the village to prevent further bloodshed.

#### Philippine troops kill 6 communist rebels

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—At least six communist guerrillas and a government militiaman were killed in a clash following a rebel attack early Friday on a militia outpost in the southern Philippines, the military said. About 40 New People's Army guerrillas attacked the militia detachment in Agusan del Sur province's Sibagat township, said Maj. Leo Bongosia, spokesman for the army's 4th Infantry Division. One soldier also was wounded, he said. It was the biggest battle loss for the rebels after a senior regional Communist Party leader and seven other guerrillas were killed in an army attack two weeks earlier in Sorsogon province southeast of Manila.

#### China: 1 tourist killed, 18 hurt by falling rocks

**BEIJING (AP)**—One tourist was killed and 18 others were injured Sunday by falling rocks at a scenic site in northern China, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Rocks that may have been loosened by recent heavy rains crashed through a cliff-side walkway and fell onto the heads of a

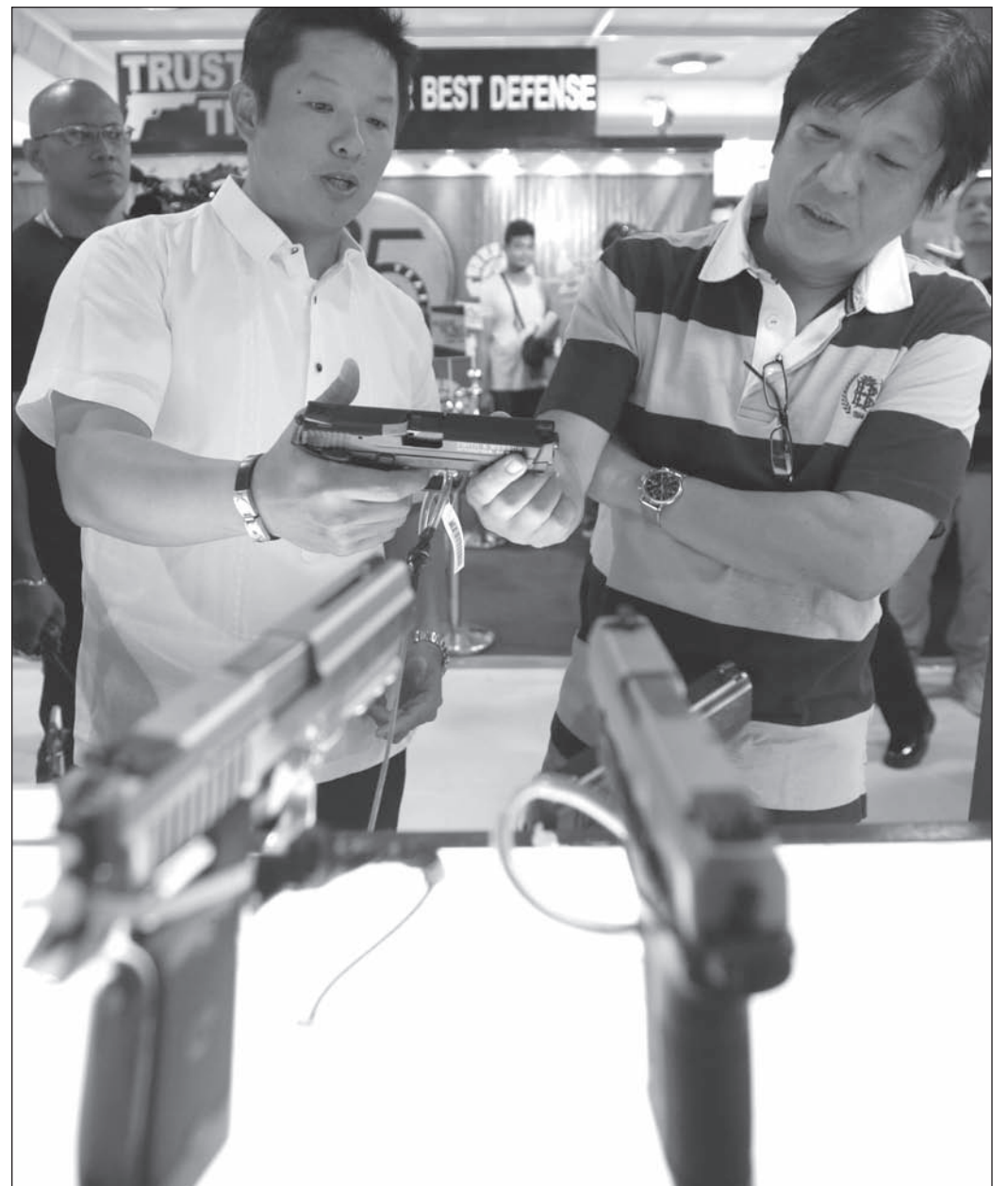
group of tourists at the Jinsixia Gorge in Shaanxi province, according to Xinhua and a woman reached by phone at the site's management office. Two of the injured were in critical condition, according to Xinhua and the woman, who declined to be identified by name, as is common among Chinese bureaucrats. She said no foreigners were hurt in the morning accident. The woman said she hadn't been informed of the death of one of the tourists.

#### China says flooding has killed 337 this year

**BEIJING (AP)**—Flooding in China this year has left at least 337 people dead and 213 missing, due mainly to unusually wet summer weather, the government said Sunday. Floods this year have struck across 30 provinces and municipalities and affected more than 47 million people, according to the Office of State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. The headquarters said landslides have accounted for 202, or about 60 percent, of the confirmed deaths. China's worst floods in recent history were in 1998, when 4,150 people died, most along the Yangtze River, China's mightiest.

#### 3 Iranian mountaineers missing in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD (AP)**—The head of a mountaineering club says rescuers have called off their search for three Iranian mountain climbers who went missing in northern Pakistan. Manzoor Hussain, president of Pakistan's Alpine Club, said Sunday his outfit was coordinating the expedition, and that the three Iranians successfully ascended the 8,051-meter (26,414-foot) summit of Broad Peak. He says the men sent a call for help last Tuesday while descending the peak, saying they were exhausted and had run out of food. Hussain says rescue teams were dispatched, but failed to find them. A helicopter search Sunday has been called off.



#### GUN SHOW

**Philippine Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., right, the only son of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, is given some pointers by former world practical shooting champion Jethro Dionisio as he holds a handgun on display at the opening of the 21st Defense and Sporting Arms Show at a shopping mall in Mandaluyong city, east of Manila, Philippines Thursday, July 18, 2013. Various countries from around the world are participating in the show where an array of firearms are on display.**

## Myanmar police: Explosion in Mandalay wounds 5

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—A small explosion went off near a firebrand monk as he was giving a sermon in Myanmar's second-largest city, wounding five people, police and witnesses said Monday.

The blast occurred at around 9 p.m. Sunday during a Buddhist ceremony in Mandalay.

Ashin Wirathu—a monk accused of inciting violence with speeches warning that members of the country's minority Muslim community pose a threat to Buddhist culture and traditions—was unharmed.

"It wasn't a loud explosion," said Ma Sandar, a 35-year-old witness. "But it caused some

commotion."

Many people left, she added, but the monk continued on with his sermon.

Wirathu, leader of the fundamentalist Buddhist group, 969, has called for a boycott of all Muslim-owned shops and is pushing for a law that would restrict marriages between Buddhist women and Muslim men. Soaring birthrates, he has warned, mean that Muslims, who today make up just 4 percent of the population, could one day become a majority in this predominantly Buddhist nation of 60 million people.

His sermons have been largely blamed for violence by Bud-

dhist mobs that have left more than 250 people dead—most of them Muslims—and sent another 140,000 fleeing their homes in the last year.

A police officer, who asked to remain anonymous because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said Sunday night's explosion went off under a parked car. Wirathu was about 60 feet (18 meters) away at the time.

Five people were being treated at a local hospital with minor injuries, the officer said.

There was no claim of responsibility and Wirathu could not be reached for comment Monday.



## World

## Ukraine rape draws outrage over official impunity

**VRADYEVKA, Ukraine** (AP)—It was an ordinary summer evening for 29-year-old Irina Krashkova, a single mother in this quiet farming town. After a day running errands, she went dancing with her girlfriends at the local bar.

As she walked home, she said, two policemen pulled up beside her. One was 1st Lt. Evhen Dryzhak—a feared man about town, described by locals as a heavy drinker who beat and insulted townsfolk and forced them to pay his bar bills.

What happened next shattered Krashkova's peaceful life, filled with days breeding ducks and playing checkers with her 12-year-old son Dimitry. The cops, Krashkova said, forced her into the car and drove her

to the woods. There, with the help of a friend, they allegedly beat her so badly they fractured her skull. The officers then took turns raping her, Krashkova said.

The case brought attention to Ukrainians' growing outrage over the perceived impunity of officials and their powerful friends—from lawmakers to businessmen to small-town cops. Reports of police abuse ranging from horrific violence to quiet bribery have risen sharply since the 2010 election of President Viktor Yanukovich. The opposition accuses him of moving Ukraine down an authoritarian path and trampling democratic institutions and the rule of law.

Even after Krashkova fin-

gered Dryzhak as the leader of the attack, the burly officer continued to walk the streets of Vradiyevka for a week—showing up at work and buying raspberries at the local market. He even interviewed witnesses in the case. The horror of the crime combined with years enduring abuse from Dryzhak and his fellow officers sent a current of rage through the town. Hundreds of residents stormed the police station in protest.

It was only then that Dryzhak was arrested. His alleged accomplices, police Lt. Dmitry Polishchuk and their friend, were detained soon after the attack. All three say they are innocent and refuse to testify.

Krashkova's case bore shock-

ing resemblance to one in Mykolaiv, the capital of the region that includes Vradiyevka. Last year, a young woman was raped, set on fire and died after two weeks in the hospital. Three suspects were detained, but one with powerful regional connections and his friend were quickly released. They were jailed again only after protests erupted across the country. One suspect has been

sentenced to life, while two others received prison terms of 14-15 years.

Krashkova's case, too, has become a national cause. Hundreds of activists rallied Thursday against police abuse and impunity in the center of Kiev and erected tents to maintain a round-the-clock protest. Some came on foot from Vradiyevka, a town some 330 kilometers (200 miles) south of the

capital. But the protest was forcefully dispersed overnight by riot police and the tents were torn down. Several activists were detained.

Ukrainians say they are tired of seeing the powers-that-be, their kin and their cronies avoid punishment for crimes big and small—from bribe-taking to ignoring traffic rules to committing rapes and murders. People complain that they are defenseless against the giant corrupt government machine, in which law enforcers and officials close ranks and cover up each other's crimes.

From her hospital bed, Krashkova recently described the horror of the attack.

"They strangled me, they beat me and called me all kinds of names," Krashkova said in a weak voice in a video interview with local media. Her face was swollen and bruised and her head was wrapped in a white bandage. "Dryzhak raped me and asked Polishchuk, 'Do you want to?' He said 'yes' and raped me."

The Associated Press does not generally identify victims of sexual assault, but makes an exception where the victim has publicly identified herself.

After the attack, the alleged rapists drove away but soon returned—apparently to finish her off. They could not find her in the dark. After they left, Krashkova started walking—taking a few steps, passing out, coming to, taking a few more steps. Eventually she reached a village and stumbled into a flour mill.

Manager Svitlana Chubko found Krashkova naked, covered in blood, hiding her private parts with a bunch of leaves, and clutching a pair of sandals.



In this undated family handout photo Irina Krashkova poses with her son Dmitry, dressed as a piglet, at a kindergarten celebration in Vradiyevka, Ukraine.

## King David's palace found, says Israeli team

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—A team of Israeli archaeologists believes it has discovered the ruins of a palace belonging to the biblical King David, but other Israeli experts dispute the claim.

Archaeologists from Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Israel's Antiquities Authority said their find, a large fortified complex west of Jerusalem at a site called Khirbet Qeiyafa, is the first palace of the biblical king ever to be discovered.

"Khirbet Qeiyafa is the best example exposed to date of a fortified city from the time of King David," said Yossi Garfinkel, a Hebrew University archaeologist, suggesting that David himself would have used the site. Garfinkel led the seven-year dig with Saar Ganor of Israel's Antiquities Authority.

Garfinkel said his team found cultic objects typically used by Judeans, the subjects of King David, and saw no trace of pig remains. Pork is forbidden under Jewish dietary laws.

Clues like these, he said, were "unequivocal evidence" that David and his descendants had ruled at the site.

Critics said the site could have belonged to other kingdoms of the area. The consensus among most scholars is that no definitive physical proof of the existence of King David has been found.

Biblical archaeology itself is contentious. Israelis often use archaeological findings to back up their historic claims to sites that are also claimed by the Palestinians, like the Old City of Jerusalem. Despite extensive archaeological evidence, for example, Palestinians deny that the biblical Jewish Temples dominated the hilltop where the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest site, stands today.

In general, researchers are divided over whether biblical stories can be validated by physical remains.

The current excavators are

not the first to claim they found a King David palace. In 2005, Israeli archaeologist Eilat Mazar said she found the remains of King David's palace in Jerusalem dating to the 10th century B.C., when King David would have ruled. Her claim also attracted skepticism, including from Garfinkel himself.

Using carbon dating, the archaeologists traced the site's construction to that same period. Garfinkel said the team also found a storeroom almost 15 meters (50 feet) long, suggesting it was a royal site used to collect taxes from the rest of the kingdom.

Garfinkel believes King David lived permanently in Jerusalem in a yet-undiscovered site, only visiting Khirbet Qeiyafa or other palaces for short periods. He said the site's placement on a hill indicates that the ruler sought a secure site on high ground during a violent era of frequent conflicts between city-states.



This undated aerial photo released by the Israel Antiquities Authority shows the archeological site in Khirbet Qeiyafa, west of Jerusalem.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Bombs, shootings kill 13 in Iraq

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Bombings and shootings in Iraq killed 13 people on Sunday, as the death toll from a coordinated wave of late-night car bombings and other attacks the day before jumped past 70, authorities said. The explosions were the latest in a relentless surge in bloodshed that has rocked Iraq since the start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan on July 10. Insurgents detonated two bombs outside Taji prison, 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Baghdad. Then they lobbed mortar shells at the compound before opening fire on prison guards as rioting inmates set fire to blankets and furniture, according to police. They said prison guards were eventually able to restore order. Gunmen also clashed with guards at a prison in Abu Ghraib in Baghdad's western suburbs, police said.

## Militant attacks on north Sinai city kill 5

**EL-ARISH, Egypt** (AP)—Coordinated day and nighttime attacks Sunday by emboldened militants in Egypt's northern Sinai Peninsula targeted different areas in the main city of el-Arish and a border town, killing one civilian and four security officers, according to officials. The pace of attacks on the police and military in northern Sinai has in-

tensified since the July 3 ouster of President Mohammed Morsi from power, but assaults have largely been confined to desolate desert areas of the region. Sunday's assault was significant in that it struck in the heart of el-Arish and killed a 32-year-old man driving his car in the most populated city in northern Sinai, which is also its provincial capital. The city is home to about 150,000 people.

## Mortar shells hit market in Syria, killing 20

**AMMAN, Jordan** (AP)—Government troops fired mortar rounds that slammed into a main market in a town in northern Syria on Sunday, killing at least 20 civilians, activist groups said. The mortar shells struck the town of Ariha, which is held mostly by opposition fighters, a few hours ahead of iftar, the meal that breaks the dawn-to-dusk fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees, two opposition groups tracking the violence in Syria, said at least 20 people were killed including two children and two women. It was not immediately clear what triggered the shelling. Also Sunday, state media said government forces killed nearly 50 rebels in an ambush near Damascus.



## Focus

# Pope's Brazil trip spurs security, protest worries

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)**—Since taking the helm of the world's biggest church in March, Pope Francis has waded into massive crowds with minimal protection to hug children and wash the feet of the faithful. He has surrounded himself with everyday worshippers at every turn, winning acclaim that he's breaking down barriers between the Vatican and the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

Yet for Brazilian security officials charged with protecting the 76-year-old pontiff with the common touch, his seven-day visit this week is an uncommon security challenge.

In his first international trip as pope, Francis has built much of his schedule in the world's biggest Catholic country around high-profile events that send him straight into unpredictable, potentially chaotic environments—without the protection of the bulletproof popemobile used by his two predecessors.

On Thursday, the pope will visit a tiny chapel founded in 1971 in the Varginha slum, one of Rio's more than 1,000 hillside shantytowns. Many such slums cower under the control of dangerous drug gangs or deadly militias made up mostly of former and current police and firefighters. Police invaded Varginha in January to clear out traffickers, but the gangs remain a shadowy presence there.

The next day, Francis will hit Copacabana beach to walk the Stations of the Cross among an expected 1 million young Catholics gathered for World Youth Day festivities. Vatican officials have said he'll travel to the beach past thousands of devotees in an open-topped vehicle, a plan that would put the thousands of police and soldiers dispatched to protect the pope on high alert and require more plainclothes security.

Brazil's justice and defense ministers, along with a top army commander, urged the pope to use an armored popemobile instead, but the Vatican has responded that Francis likes to jump in and out of his vehicle to greet the faithful, which wouldn't be possible in the more protected vehicle.

"The bulletproofing would lessen our worries, it'd be better if he had it," said Gen. Jose Abreu, the top officer overseeing the military's role in the security

scheme. "It's a personal choice and we'll respect it, but it's not remotely pleasant for security forces."

On the top of everyone's minds are the massive and sometimes violent anti-government protests that swept this continent-sized country last month. They've continued, albeit with fewer people, less than a week before Francis' arrival Monday.

Last week, a small protest in Leblon, one of Rio's poshest neighborhoods, erupted into looting and destruction, with demonstrators smashing storefronts, defacing street signs and setting piles of garbage on fire.

A handful of protests are planned. If violence breaks out near the pope, the world may once again see images of demonstrators enveloped by clouds of tear gas, stun grenades ricocheting off stately buildings and rubber bullets whizzing through the air.

Jose Beltrame, the top security official for Rio de Janeiro state overseeing the police who will counter any violent protests, said he's certain his officers "are ready to host the pope" because they know his set agenda and have a plan in place.

However, Beltrame acknowledged that the protests are an unknown factor and that each demonstration would need to be approached differently depending upon how it unfolds.

"The challenges of the protests are different. The police have to be flexible and adapt, because there is no coordinated agenda (of protests)," he said. "We're vigilant, but it depends upon how they happen, when they happen, which is information that we don't fully have."

Joe Biundini, a Brazilian-born former U.S. Marine who heads the FAM International Group security firm, warned that much will depend on police response to any protests.

"If you see the police doing something stupid, like violently attacking protesters, that could cause some very serious problems," Biundini said.

Security officials have said the stiffest security challenge will be providing security for the pope's two mass events on 2.5 mile-long (4 kilometer-long) Copacabana beach. Still, they insist they're experienced in handling mega-crowds and point to a string of concerts that have attracted similarly massive numbers of spectators to Copacabana.

April's bombing attacks on the Boston Marathon, which killed three and injured 264, have certainly raised sensitivities about the potential dangers of such mass events. But Brazilian police said there'll be no checkpoints or bag inspections of the crowds at Copacabana, similar to the security schemes at other events.

That doesn't mean the Brazilians won't be making a show of force.

Some 10,000 police officers and more than 14,000 soldiers will be on duty during the pope's visit, and six Brazilian military aircraft will provide transportation for the pontiff. The helicopters will let Francis avoid Rio's snarled traffic and the dangers of land travel.

Nearly 100 lookout towers will also allow police to monitor an expected 1.5 million people turning out for yet another mass event, the World Youth Day's closing Mass in the rural neighborhood of Guaratiba, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of Copacabana on the far outskirts of Rio.

Federal, state and local governments are expected to spend a total of around \$52 million on all the security and logistical measures for the papal visit.

Even with such numbers, Francis' itinerary will at some points push him out of the reach of all but his immediate security detail, entrusting much of his protection to the crowd of faithful. Experts have warned that a lone wolf-style assailant presents the gravest security threat.

"Much of the pope's security will be provided by the Brazilian people" themselves, said General Presidential Secretary Gilberto Carvalho.

Biundini said the high-profile visit will provide a tempting stage for demonstrators looking for a world audience.

"On the one hand, the pope is a very respected

figure in Brazil, which is of course a majority Catholic country," he said. "On the other hand, all eyes are going to be on Brazil, so the pope's visit would be a very attractive platform for groups to get their messages across."

For Brazil's government, the pope's visit is seen as a test run for the country's hosting of next year's World Cup soccer tournament and the 2016 Olympics, which will also draw millions of visitors.

In preparation, Brazilian soldiers have invaded a swath of Rio's slums to push out drug gangs and re-establish their authority. In large part because of slum violence, Brazil suffers one of the world's highest homicide rates, which has doubled in the past three decades, according to a new report.

Nonetheless, a recent visit to the slum Francis is set to enter revealed only two police officers parked just a few meters from the chapel where he'll pray. Journalists were warned by adolescent boys to not take pictures of certain areas where drug peddlers were active, standard practice in slums that have yet to be pacified.

Varginha is one of Rio's smallest slums, a triangle-shaped chunk of flat, dusty land sitting between two putrid waterways full of raw sewage. On the third side runs a busy main road with an elevated commuter train that noisily rolls by overhead.

Brazilian police haven't revealed how they'll secure the slum when Francis arrives, beyond that military police will handle the job. The slum's surroundings somewhat ease security concerns, with the waterways acting as natural boundaries and only two roads 300 meters apart from one another allowing access.

With so many challenges ahead of them, city officials have made clear they still welcome the visit by Francis, the first pope to come from the Americas. But they'll also be relieved when they're no longer responsible for his safety in such complicated terrain.

"It's all worrisome," said Mayor Eduardo Paes. "When you think that in Copacabana we're going to have two New Year's concerts in the same week and then when you think you can go home and rest but then you have another New Year's party in Guaratiba, you can imagine this is something that has demanded a huge effort on our part."



Workers prepare a cross on the stage where Pope Francis will deliver Mass this week in Guaratiba, some 40 km. south of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 21, 2013.



## Overdrive

## Capitalist cruiser Audi A8L TDI an unlikely ally of environment

By TERRY BOX  
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Rich guys rarely get stuck behind wobbly minivans dawdling along at 52 mph in the fast lane—with crooked “COEXIST” bumper stickers plastered on the back.

They don’t get frisked, fondled and violated at airports; they stroll onto their Gulfstreams with champagne in hand for the jaunt to Carmel.

“What should we toast today—cloud formations?”

Moreover, I’ve been told, their stocks and testosterone don’t fall, and their wives don’t age.

Where do I go to catch some of that sunshine—besides somewhere far, far away from the shadowy newspaper biz?

But wait, kids. Here’s the latest slap for us Kohl’s and Wal-Mart types: Their luxury diesel-powered sedans don’t clatter or stink and get better mileage than our old Malibus.

Honest.

Maybe the last diesel-powered luxury car you recall was one of those wretched Cadillac diesels from the late ’70s—a really bad car with an engine that sounded like someone was rolling a trash can down the street filled with marbles.

“Is that Dad pulling into the driveway or are we being invaded?”

But none of my neighbors even looked up when I rolled into our alley in scenic North Dallas recently in the huge 2014 Audi A8L TDI.

As you probably know, “TDI” designates Audi’s latest version of clean diesel—in this case, a turbocharged three-liter V-6 diesel that has been scrubbed, plugged and silenced for the 21st century.



The diesel-powered version of the 2014 Audi A8L weighs more than 4,000 pounds, but yields 24 miles per gallon in the city and 36 on the highway.

## NUTS &amp; BOLTS

## 2014 Audi A8L TDI:

- **Type of vehicle:** Five passenger, all-wheel-drive, full-size luxury sedan
- **Fuel economy:** 24 miles per gallon city, 36 highway
- **Weight:** About 4,400 pounds
- **Engine:** Three-liter turbocharged V-6 diesel with 240 horsepower and 406 pound-feet of torque
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic
- **Performance:** 0 to 60 mph in 6.4 seconds
- **Base price, excluding destination charge:** \$82,500
- **Price as tested:** \$99,445

SOURCE: Audi of America

It’s not just hype, either. I drove through several parking garages in the Audi with the windows down and Dale Watson turned way low on the jukebox, and all I heard was a faint growl.

And get this: The 4,400-pound, limo-sized Audi was rated at an astounding 24 miles per gallon in the city and 36 on the highway.

But that’s what 100 grand buys you these days, kids. Let’s hope it, uh, trickles down quickly to us Visa card peasants.

As with all Audis, an enormous eight-bar grille left little doubt that I was driving—and sometimes living—well. Fittingly, conservative head lamps abutted a large, flat hood.

Even with really meaty

265/40 tires on 20-inch wheels, though, the A8 appeared largely unremarkable.

But look a little closer. Besides the impressive little diesel, the A8 sported a largely aluminum platform and body.

Although the one I had was the “stretched” version, longer overall than one of GM-Arlington’s Cadillac Escalade SUVs, it weighed about as much as a well-equipped Ford Taurus.

Diesels offer great low-end torque, so they always feel bigger than they actually are.

Press on the gas in the A8, and you get a nice shove back into the seat, the engine staying surprisingly smooth to its 4,200 rpm red line.

Put your foot all the way into

it, and 60 comes up quickly in 6.4 seconds, Audi says. The engine is tied to a ZF 8-speed automatic that mostly kept the diesel percolating along pretty happily.

And because the A8 is about 700 pounds lighter than a comparable all-steel car, it can rip around corners with the grace of a midsize. Like most modern all-wheel-drive cars, the A8 tended to steer heavily at slow speeds.

Here’s what you do: Switch the suspension setting from normal to dynamic with a knob on the console.

In that mode, the steering felt quicker and more alive—though it seemed to require more effort—and the suspension a bit stiffer.

Even bending into corners

at twice their posted speed, the Audi’s suspension held body movements to a minimum.

The ride, of course, was pure German—a silent, athletic glide that kept the driver involved and aware, but with little intensity.

No matter how hard I work—and I’m kind of averse to real labor at this point—I could never afford the Audi’s \$99,445 window sticker. But it sure was a nice place to visit.

A broad, long dashboard was covered in black leather, looking like a field of soft ebony on some exotic farm.

Broad black leather seats with perforated centers provided pretty good support, though I fidgeted some because I rarely found the right gear the first

time with Audi’s electric lever.

Likewise, I always enjoyed seeing the audio/navigation screen rise from the center of the dash when the car was started.

As a sort of gentleman’s express, the A8 wears fairly subtle dark wood trim inside, door panels with dark gray velour centers and a beautifully stitched four-spoke steering wheel.

But when you boil it all down, the A8’s main beauty may be its uncompromised nature. Despite its greenie credentials, the stylish sedan remains refined, spacious, capable and comfortable—and able to get better fuel economy than most Toyota Camrys.

It’s almost enough to make you wish you had pursued that career as a dental-floss tycoon.



**QUESTION: I have a 2005 Mazda 6 with the 3-liter V-6 engine and 70,000 miles. I do my own oil changes and for the past several changes have noticed a strong smell of burning oil when stopped at lights or in traffic, lasting three weeks after I have done the oil change. I am very careful not to spill any oil onto the exhaust when removing the filter, and to eliminate this possibility I left the filter in place after the last change. This failed to eliminate the problem. The engine burns no oil between changes, and no smoke is visible from the exhaust. Any help would be greatly appreciated.**

**ANSWER:** In most cases, smelling hot oil at idle indicates some type of external leak or spillage that drips onto the hot exhaust. In addition to the ex-

haust components near or under the oil filter, check to make sure no oil is dripping from the valve cover gaskets onto the exhaust manifolds, particularly from the front valve cover with the oil filler cap. Perhaps enough oil collects against the gasket when you refill the engine with fresh oil that

where they are burned. If the PCV valve is stuck or clogged and doesn’t open under engine vacuum, the crankcase may become somewhat pressurized and force oil and vapors past the piston rings and into the combustion chambers.

**Q: I have an ’83 Jeep CJ-7**

dash? If so, you’ve “fixed” your problem. I’ve always preferred mechanical gauges anyway for two reasons—they are instant and accurate, and not subject to electrical gremlins.

To determine whether the problem is the gauge or the electrical sending unit on the engine,

regulator to the gauge.

And finally, if the lamp flashes as it should but the gauge isn’t accurate, the gauge is the likely culprit.

**Q: My 2005 Grand Marquis is scaring me. I put on the brakes to stop but the car suddenly accelerated. I pushed on**

into neutral! The other quick answer is to turn off the key.

What could have caused this? I can only speculate but I would suggest having the cruise control cable disconnected to eliminate this possibility. I would also inspect very carefully the power brake vacuum system, booster and check valve. A sudden, large vacuum leak could bleed off power assist to the brakes while at the same time possibly causing the engine idle speed to suddenly increase.

Did you feel any rapid pulsing in the brake pedal when this occurred, indicating ABS activation? Check for diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) from the ABS system. Ford also suggests checking the ABS module connector for water intrusion.

*Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.*

## Smell of burning oil? Check for a leak

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

it slowly migrates past the gasket and drips on the manifold.

The other system to focus on is the positive crankcase ventilation, or PCV, system. Your engine features a PCV valve plumbed into the induction system downstream of the throttle plate, meaning engine vacuum pulls crankcase vapors into the combustion chambers

**with the 258 six-cylinder engine. The oil pressure gauge was showing about 50 pounds per square inch when it suddenly went to zero. I connected a mechanical gauge to the engine block and it showed 60 psi. Is this an easy fix? How does the electrical gauge work?**

**A:** Could you mount the mechanical gauge in or under the

disconnect the wire from the sending unit and connect a 12-volt test light from this wire to ground. Turn on the ignition. If the lamp flashes, the instrument voltage regulator is good. If the lamp stays lit, the regulator is bad. If the lamp doesn’t light, check the regulator’s connections and ground. And check for an open circuit in the connection from the

**my brakes with all my might but the car kept going. I had to shift into neutral. By that time I was out in traffic against the light. This has happened three times. My shop could not find anything wrong.**

**A:** I am so pleased to hear that you remember the simplest way to stop/prevent any type of unintended acceleration—shift



# Life & Style

## Philippe becomes king of Belgium

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—Belgians shouted “Long live the king” Sunday to welcome their new monarch to the throne on a sunny national holiday. But several legislators from northern Flanders boycotted King Philippe I’s coronation, highlighting longstanding feuding between the nation’s Dutch-speaking Flemings and Francophones—the biggest challenge the new monarch will face.

In his first speech as king shortly after his father King Albert II abdicated, Philippe made no attempt to paper over those cracks, instead casting the country’s division between its 6 million Dutch-speaking Flemings and 4.5 million Francophones as one of its strengths.

“The wealth of our nation and our institutions consists in turning our diversity into a strength,” he said after taking his oath of office at the country’s parliament.

The ceremony capped a day of transition which started when Philippe’s father, the 79-year-old Albert, signed away his rights as the kingdom’s largely ceremonial ruler at the royal palace in the presence of Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo, who holds the political power in this 183-year-old parliamentary democracy.

Less than two hours later,

the nation got its seventh king when Philippe, 53, pledged to abide by Belgium’s laws and constitution.

Big crowds of royalists and well-wishers cheered the royal family’s every move Sunday, from a morning Catholic ceremony to an impromptu dusk balcony scene 13 hours later, with the once-timid Philippe kissing new Queen Mathilde several times under a full moon to augur in a sultry night of celebration in the royal park.

“We have lived through a beautiful day,” Philippe told thousands of evening revelers. “Let’s be proud of our beautiful country.”

Far from everybody in Belgium was happy with the new king.

One Flemish separatist group, the Flemish Interest party, boycotted the parliamentary ceremony, while the legislature’s biggest party, the N-VA New Flemish Alliance, sent only a limited delegation.

“We are full-blooded democrats and the purest form of democracy is the republic,” said Jan Jambon, the parliamentary leader of the N-VA alliance, which has surged to become the



Belgium’s King Philippe, right, kisses the hand of Queen Mathilde as they stand on the balcony of the royal palace in Brussels on Sunday, July 21, 2013.

main opposition party seeking Flemish independence through democratic transition. It wants

the new king not to have any role in coalition negotiations to form a new government, not be

head of the armed forces and not sign any laws.

The small N-VA delegation highlighted one of the biggest challenges Philippe will face in his reign—how to remain relevant as a unitary symbol in a nation ever more drifting apart between the prosperous northern Flemings and the economically struggling southern Francophones.

Briefly, at least, the differences took a back seat Sunday as the new royal couple, flanked by huge bouquets of white roses, lilies and gerbera, appeared for the midday official palace’s balcony scene, cheered by some 10,000 well-wishers braving the relentless sun.

President Barack Obama sent the new king congratulations.

“The president also sends his heartfelt appreciation to King Albert II for his warmth, service, and leadership as he steps down after nearly 20 years,” the U.S. government statement said. “Belgium is a valued friend of the United States, and the president looks forward to continuing to deepen this bond in the years to come.”

Unlike a disturbance during the oath-taking by King Albert

II 20 years ago, when one legislator shouted “Long live the European Republic,” Sunday’s ceremony in the packed legislature went off without a hitch, with Albert and Philippe’s wife, Queen Mathilde, looking on as he confidently took the oath.

Philippe has long been contested as a worthy successor of Albert, but after years of wooden and awkward public performances, the silver-haired, bespectacled monarch came over as poised on the day he had been groomed for all of his adult life.

“Belgium is modernizing itself and it gives me joy,” Albert said as he signed away his rights as the kingdom’s largely ceremonial ruler at the royal palace.

Albert announced his abdication plans less than three weeks ago, so there was little time to turn the occasion into a huge international event. No foreign royals were at the ceremony. Since the royal transition coincides with Belgium’s national day celebrations, a military parade had already been planned.

Philippe will face a tough task in the coming months. The nation holds parliamentary elections in June 2014 amid calls, led by the N-VA, for even more autonomy for the language groups. And perhaps even less power for the king himself.

### Message Of Appreciation

In Humble gratitude and heartfelt thankfulness, we, the family of

†**Joanne Christine Conrad Jones-Iguel**

would like to extend great tidings and appreciation for your prayers, presence and kind tokens given in our mourning and bereavement.

Words cannot measure our thanks, nor convey warmth to exact our great appreciation, most especially for your presence and donations during the nightly masses and rosaries.

Wishing only the best blessing always, a warm and Dangkulo Na Si Yu’us Ma’ase, Kinisou Chapur and Thank you very much from our family to yours.

**David & Del Jones and Perry Iguel & Children**

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Margaret Cabrera Tudela Riva**  
**Familian “Pakitu”**

Born on Saipan, November 28, 1938 and was called to her eternal rest on July 16, 2013 in Long Beach, California

#### In her new life she now joins her:

**Parents:** Isidro Sablan Tudela and Rosa Palacios Cabrera  
**Husband:** Edward John Riva

**Brothers:** Alejandro Tudela, Candido Tudela and Ismael Tudela

**Sisters:** Basilisa Tudela, Natalia Ronsheimer, Sylveria Asuncion, Jesusa Gogo and Innocencia Tudela

**In Laws:** Romana V. Tudela, Charles Ronsheimer, Margaret C. Tudela

#### Her Loving Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

**Children:** Robin James Riva, Susan Riva Babauta & Juan Quitugua Babauta and Isidro Lee Riva & Stephanie

**Grandchildren:** Robbie Riva Jr., Edward Riva II, Nicolasa Riva & Kimo Townsend, Roseana Riva, Jessica R. Babauta & Nancy R. Babauta, Isaac Riva & Isaiah Riva

**Siblings:** Teresita Tudela Camacho & Jose Cabrera Tudela

**In Laws:** Ana Tudela, Consolacion Aguon, Irenio Asuncion & Danny Camacho

**She will also be missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews & Friends.**

**July 23, 2013:** 6:00 P.M. Mass (San Roque Church) and followed by Holy Rosary (Santa Remedios Church /Tanapag).

**July 24, 2013:** 6:00 P.M. Mass and followed by Holy Rosary (Santa Remedios Church/Tanapag).

**July 25, 2013:** Last Day - 6:00 P.M. Mass (San Roque Church) and followed by Holy Rosary (Santa Remedios Church/Tanapag). Please join us for dinner immediately after the Holy Rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday (July 26, 2013). Her remains will be viewed followed by Holy Rosary and Responso between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. at Affordable Burial and Cremation, 6510 Cherry Ave Long Beach, CA 90805. Interment Services will be held at All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach, CA at 1:00 P.M. on the same day.

Please join us in Prayers – Si Yu’us Ma’asi  
**THE FAMILY**



# Superman's past, future takes Comic-Con spotlight

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The cape, the curl, the S on the chest.

Superman is among comics' most recognizable characters, and 75 years after Cleveland teenagers Jerry Siegel and Joe Schuster's Kryptonian made his debut in the pages of Action Comics No. 1, his popularity remains stratospheric.

At Comic-Con International, Superman's presence could be seen everywhere—from attendees wearing various incarnations of his many costumes to scenes from the television serials, cartoons, films, and even in comic books.

"Superman was the first comic book superhero and the first cross-media sensation. Practically everyone of every generation knows and recognizes the character, so that's a huge asset for his ongoing popularity," said Rob Salkowitz, author of "Comic-Con and the Business of Pop Culture."

"Batman has been more successful in the past couple of decades because he is in some ways more relatable—but also because of the times. Batman speaks to our fears. He's about revenge and darkness," he said. "Superman speaks to our hopes. He's about transcending our limitations. He's about using vast power for public good, not private gain."

Jim Lee, co-publisher at DC Entertainment who, along with writer Scott Snyder, created the new Superman comic book "Superman Unchained," said few characters have been as relevant as Superman for so long.

"Name another character that's been around for 75 years that's still being published and



AP Henry Cavill attends the Superman 75th anniversary party on Day 3 of 2013 Comic-Con International Convention on Friday, July 19, 2103 in San Diego.

relevant," challenged Lee.

"There are very few that are still relevant to today's culture and to today's audience that are still being published," Lee said, giving as examples that Superman was a social crusader in the 1930s, fought Nazis in the 1940s, was a yuppie in the 1980s "and in the '90s had a mullet!"

His popularity can be measured in not just sales of comics, but in tickets, too. Zack Snyder's "Man of Steel" has made more than \$630 million at the box office. And Saturday's announcement of a sequel, of sorts, became the buzz of Comic-Con with news that it would pair Su-

perman with DC's other big name hero, Batman.

"Let's face it, it's beyond mythological to have Superman and our new Batman facing off, since they are the greatest super heroes in the world," Snyder said.

At a Comic-Con panel exploring Superman's history, and his future, a team of creators who have written the character, and actors on the shows and films about him, spoke about Superman's relevance and invulnerability to obsolescence.

"Like Batman, this is a very malleable character that can change and still be his core influence," said writer Grant Morrison, whose take on the character in the pages of "All-Star Superman" was critically lauded.

Morrison said that as times change, so too, has Superman, serving as a mirror not to a Phantom Zone, but to contemporary real life.

That was a nod to the darker tone in "Man of Steel," a grittier take on not just Superman, but his upbringing and influences, too.

"He's just reflecting a general tendency, as he always does. Superman has to reflect what people are feeling. I think it's an inevitable part of his development," Morrison said. "If he's dark now, it's because we're all a little bit dark."

With 75 years now passed, DC Entertainment co-publisher Dan DiDio said that the comics will continue their retelling of his early days, which in the New 52 universe that launched in 2011, includes a budding romantic relationship with Wonder Woman, a return trip to Krypton and more.

## 'The Conjuring' scares up \$41.5M to top box office

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Moviegoers were ready for a fright this weekend, sending "The Conjuring" into first place at the box

office, while "R.I.P.D." became the summer's latest big-budget action film to bite the dust.

"The Conjuring," a haunted-house thriller from Warner Bros., debuted with \$41.5 million in North American ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Starring Vera Farmiga, Lili Taylor, Patrick Wilson and Ron Livingston, "The Conjuring" unseated two-

the fall.

But Universal's big-budget crime caper "R.I.P.D." opened with a disappointing \$12.76 million. The film reportedly cost more than \$130 million to make, compared to only about \$19.5 million for "The Conjuring."

Starring Jeff Bridges and Ryan Reynolds, "R.I.P.D." joins the year's other mega-budget summer flops, including "Pacif-

important it is for audiences to have options."

The Adam Sandler-produced Sony comedy "Grown Ups 2," starring Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade and Salma Hayek, held onto fourth place in its second week of release, earning \$20 million.

Summit Entertainment's "Red 2," which stars Bruce Willis and Helen Mirren as retired CIA operatives, debuted in fifth with \$18.5 million.

"The Conjuring" was originally set for release in the winter, but audience tests proved so positive that the studio moved the film to the heat of summer movie season.

"It was really a bold choice, no question about it," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros. executive vice president of theatrical distribution. "With three other movies against us this week with high price tags and high expectations associated with them, this result is even more impressive."

Still, there was no chance for this weekend's movies to match box-office totals for the same weekend last summer, when "The Dark Knight Rises" opened with \$161 million domestically.

1. "The Conjuring," \$41.5 million.
2. "Despicable Me 2," \$25 million (\$35.4 million international).
3. "Turbo," \$21.5 million (\$22.6 million international).
4. "Grown Ups 2," \$20 million.
5. "Red 2," \$18.5 million (\$7.6 million international).
6. "Pacific Rim," \$15.95 million (\$34.8 million international).
7. "R.I.P.D.," \$12.76 million (\$6.8 million).
8. "The Heat," \$9.3 million.
9. "World War Z," \$5.2 million (\$12 million international).
10. "Monsters University," \$5 million (\$20.7 million international).

week box-office champ "Despicable Me 2," which dropped to second place with \$25 million.

"The Conjuring" was among four new releases tempting moviegoers this weekend. The newest animated offering, Fox's "Turbo," opened with \$21.5 million, good for third place. Fox's head of domestic distribution, Chris Aronson, characterized the opening as "a very promising start," noting that the film won't open in Europe until

ic Rim," "White House Down," "After Earth" and "The Lone Ranger."

Overall box office totals are up, though, said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"Despite the fact there have been some high-profile, high-budget flops, the summer to date is up 12 percent from last year," he said. "For mid-July, to have a modestly budgeted horror film top the weekend tells you how

## Joss Whedon talks comics, Avengers, and SHIELD

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Joss Whedon is the busiest man at Comic-Con.

The multihyphenate visionary talked television on Friday, film on Saturday and rounded out the four-day geek extravaganza meeting with fans and talking with reporters Sunday at the Dark Horse Comics booth about a new season of his Buffy the Vampire Slayer comic book series, the possibility of a "Serenity" title, and the dual realities of the Marvel film and television worlds.

After saying he can't give too many details about what's going on in all those projects, Whedon did give The Associated Press some insight in a quick interview as Comic-Con swirled around him and fans snapped his picture from afar.

**AP: What can you tell us about the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" story?**

**Whedon:** I can't say much about what's going to happen. We're wrapping up Season 9 of "Buffy" and "Angel & Faith," and we've already sort of got a road map for Season 10, which I'm really excited about. Every season we get to come in and find and see a new aspect of what it's like for her and what it's like for anyone that's around her age that's going through life trying to figure it out. She's in her 20s, so she's trying to figure out what the hell she is. We've asked a lot of questions over the last two seasons. Season 10 I'm excited about because it has some very interesting answers for some of them. I can't really say. There's going to be a lot of back and forth between the comics—not so much that if you only like one you won't get what's going on, because I hate that. But they do share a universe, all these characters, and their ability to sort of show up in each other's books is part of the huge fun. And the fact that Giles is now a young boy just makes me laugh and laugh.

**AP: You have so much going on in film and TV, you could easily leave the comic books behind. Why do you keep doing them?**

**Whedon:** Dark Horse came to me many years ago and said, "How do you feel about doing new stories with Buffy," and the show had been over for two or three years, and I realized I really really wanted to. Just writing those voices again, remembering that mission statement of let's tell the story of this girl and the trials of having power and trying to keep her friends together. It moves me. I love this medium. I've read comics my whole life. The idea that we got to create our own little comic book universe, it's very heady. I'm very grateful.

**AP: Do you have plans to bring "Serenity" out as a comic book?**

**Whedon:** That's the hope, but there's nothing official yet.

It's patchy. "Buffy," the way it lent itself to a musical, lends itself to comic books in a very simple way. "Serenity," you've got to have the exact right sort of notion before I'll even let it go forward. Because it was taken away so fast, I was always leery of getting it wrong.

**AP: You could revisit the war, take the characters into the future ...**

**Whedon:** There's a lot you can do. I'm a little busy. I have some other stuff to do. But I have some ideas.

**AP: Can the new "Marvel's Agents of SHIELD" television series thrive without the presence of already-known superheros from the Marvel universe?**

**Whedon:** The thing is SHIELD itself is kind of an espionage book. They're all basically spies. Just the idea of these people's lives was fascinating in all its aspects, so if it was

a situation where we had to have a superhero of the week, I would never have done the show. That would get old super fast. It's part of the Marvel collective, but there's also a lot more: The idea of dealing with not just the new technology, the alien stuff, and just regular people who are caught up in the wake of this world; the idea that "The Avengers" changed the game for the Marvel cinematic universe, which SHIELD is now a part of. The whole world suddenly found out there were superheros and aliens and all kinds of wonderful, terrible things, and that's going to have different repercussions for everybody. So there's a lot of different ways to approach every episode."

**AP: Samuel L. Jackson told us yesterday he can't believe he's not involved in the new TV series as "SHIELD" Director Nick Fury. Do you see a role for him in the show?**

**Whedon:** We would love to have Sam in the house. If we could work it out, we'd do it in a heartbeat. He's Sam. What are we, new? But we also have the movies and we have TV and we need to make sure there's some crossover, but not so much that people go, "Well, I don't need to see that movie. I saw it on TV." If we do that (Marvel Studios President) Kevin Feige is going to come after me with a pitchfork.

**AP: You brought Agent Coulson back to life for the TV series after his apparent death in "The Avengers." Is it possible he'll return for the film's sequel as well?**

**Whedon:** He could. Right now it's not something I'm pursuing because I have so much going on in "Avengers" 2. Finding out that Coulson is alive would be an entire B story. And I already have too much movie. That's better than the other thing.



Whedon

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# Zoe Saldana goes green for 'Guardians'

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—How many more colors can Zoe Saldana be on the big screen?

"Well, the rainbow has a lot of colors," Saldana said in an interview at Comic-Con, laughing. "I dig it. I like being in space. I get to play less girlfriends, more female parts, more women. So I find it meaty."

The actress portrays green-skinned alien Gamora in Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" after going blue in James Cameron's "Avatar," a role she's expected to return to for sequels. And she recently reprised her other space-bound character, Uhura, in JJ Abrams' "Star Trek Into Darkness."

"It's a testament to how creative the people that conceive supernatural and science-fiction kind of stories," Saldana, 35, said of her love for the genre. "They're able to build something out of nothing by just imagining it. I have a huge fascination with that. Filmmakers like JJ, like



Zoe Saldana arrives at the "Guardians of the Galaxy" panel on Day 4 of Comic-Con International, Saturday, July 20, 2013, in San Diego.

("Guardians" director) James (Gunn), like James Cameron. ... You need to be really, really

special to do that. So I like being with special people."

Chris Pratt is among Sal-

dana's co-stars in "Guardians," which had been filming for just a few weeks in the U.K. before its actors dropped in to show fans footage at Comic-Con.

Pratt plays Peter Quill, an interplanetary gunslinger known as Star-Lord who assembles a team of aliens to do battle. His character's wit and rebellious spirit has been compared to another planet-hopper, Han Solo.

"You can make the comparison, that's for sure," Pratt said, acknowledging that like "Star Wars," "Guardians"—set for release next summer—is "a big space opera."

Saldana was more emphatic: "It's an awesome comparison. Are you kidding me? Harrison Ford!"

But Pratt, 34, said he has more pressing concerns as he returns to set.

"I just feel like, I'm hoping every day that they're not going to fire me," he said. "I'm like, 'So you saw dailies yesterday and I still have my job?' They say 'Yeah!' So for now I do."

## Bronze Tiger, Brother Blood coming to 'Arrow'

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—There's two new residents moving to Starling City—and they're no friends of "Arrow."

The addition of a pair of villains based on characters from the DC Comics universe was announced Saturday at the Comic-Con presentation for the crime-fighting CW series "Arrow."

"Spawn" star Michael Jai White will play Ben Turner, a claw-wielding Suicide Squad assassin known as Bronze Tiger. He'll form an alliance with China White, the alabaster-haired villainess played by Kelly Hu. "True Blood" and "Southland" actor Kevin Alejandro will portray Sebastian Blood, a savvy politician based on the "New Teen Titans" baddie Brother Blood.

"Arrow" star Stephen Amell was joined on Saturday's panel by co-stars David Ramsey, Colton Haynes, Emily Bett Rickards and Katie Cassidy, as well as executive producers Greg Berlanti and Andrew Kreisberg.

The panel launched with a trailer for the second season showing Amell's Oliver Queen contemplating a new nickname and a butt-kicking masked woman believed to be the Black Canary, the famous DC Comics heroine and Arrow love interest.

Kreisberg hinted that "one of the things we're doing this season is we're telling the beginning of the Black Canary story" but wouldn't say which character would be underneath the mask.

The second season of "Arrow" premieres Oct. 9.

## Rapper J. Cole apologizes for autism lyric

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Rapper J. Cole is apologizing to those with autism and their families for an offensive lyric.

Cole says in a blog post Sunday that he doesn't agree with the recent trend of rappers facing pressure to apologize when they step over a perceived line, but in this case he feels he went too far in a verse he contributed to Drake's "Jodeci Freestyle."



Cole

"To the parents who are fighting through the frustrations that must come with raising a child with severe autism, finding strength and patience that they never knew they had; to the college student with Asperger's syndrome; to all those overcoming autism," Cole wrote. "You deserve medals, not disrespect. I hope you accept my sincere apology."

Rap has a long history of often intentional offensive lyrics, but special interest groups have successfully used social media to elicit apologies recently after pressuring the companies who partner with them.

Lil Wayne and PepsiCo decided to part ways after the rapper offended the family of civil rights figure Emmett Till. Wayne stopped short of an apology to Till's family privately in a letter but expressed regret for the lyric. And Rick Ross and Reebok split after the rapper issued a verse about using a drug to clandestinely incapacitate a woman before having sex with her.

Cole has been in the spotlight after his recent album "Born Sinner" jockeyed with Kanye West's "Yeezus" when released last month and reached No. 1 on the Billboard 200 the following

week. That album also contains moments that some might consider offensive. In Drake's song, Cole raps that he's "artistic" while his rivals are "autistic, retarded."

Cole wrote that when he first heard a backlash from those who deal with the developmental disorder, he immediately realized he went too far.

"I was instantly embarrassed that I would be ignorant enough say something so hurtful," Cole wrote. "What makes the crime worse is that I should have known better."

Cole goes on to write that he's inspired by those who reached out to him: "I have now read stories online from parents about their struggles and triumphs with raising an autistic child and I admire how incredibly strong you have to be to do so," he wrote. "It's touching. It also makes what I said even more embarrassing for me. I feel real shame."

## Kelly Rowland gets maritime escort back to Mass.

**PROVINCETOWN, Mass. (AP)**—The Coast Guard says singer Kelly Rowland was among the passengers on a private boat escorted back to Cape Cod after the captain became disoriented.

Lt. Ruairi White tells the Cape Cod Times that the boat's captain was



Rowland

following a commercial whale-watching vessel Friday, lost sight of the boat and became disoriented north of Provincetown.

The Coast Guard directed a commercial towboat operator to escort the private vessel back to Provincetown.

TowBoat U.S. Provincetown

says on its Facebook page that the boat was 33 miles north of Provincetown. It says the passengers "were great. Just a little shook up."

Rowland is a founding member of Destiny's Child, where Beyonce got her start. The group briefly reunited this year when Rowland and Michelle Williams joined Beyonce for a Super Bowl performance.

## Tina Turner celebrates her wedding in Switzerland

**GENEVA (AP)**—Tina Turner is celebrating her wedding to Erwin Bach with a party at her Swiss lakeside estate near Zurich.

Swiss media are reporting that pop stars David Bowie, Sade and talk show impresario Oprah Winfrey are among the more than 120 guests in-

vited to Sunday's Buddhist-inspired event.

Zurich police spokeswoman Esther Surber says authorities are temporarily barring boats on Lake Zurich from nearing Turner's Chateau Algonquin estate in the Kuesnacht municipality to prevent onlookers from causing accidents on the waterway.

About a month ago, the 73-year-old American pop star tied the knot with Bach, a 57-year-old German music executive and her longtime beau, at the town hall in the wealthy community.

Turner's marriage to her former musical partner, the late Ike Turner, ended in divorce.

## Wife of alcoholic should not be buying him booze

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**DEAR ABBY:** It happened again today! I was buying several bottles of wine and a six-pack of beer along with my other groceries. While I was standing in the checkout line, someone behind me said the predictable, "I wish I was going home with you!"

I'm married to an alcoholic, and it makes me so sad that people think a lot of alcohol is "fun." It's a tragedy for our family to see a great husband, father and grandfather slip into a stupor each day. It wasn't always this way. Sadly, he has changed so much he is hardly recognizable.

I'm asking those out and about to think before you comment, because alcohol is not something to celebrate.

WIFE OF AN ALCOHOLIC DOWN SOUTH

**DEAR WIFE:** Why are you buying large quantities of liquor for your alcoholic husband? When you do, you enable him to feed his addiction. If I ever heard of someone who should attend Al-Anon meetings, it is you. Al-Anon was started by the wife of an alcoholic who was just like your husband. When you go, you will meet other wives whose husbands' drinking is also out of control.

If you would prefer a secular organization, an alternative program to contact would be SMART Recovery. Its Family and Friends program was created for loved ones who are affected by someone's addiction. If there isn't a meeting in your area, you can attend one online. Go to [www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org) and click on Online Meetings and Activities to register. Please don't wait. These organizations can help both you and your husband.

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**DEAR ABBY:** On behalf of my fellow museum docents, I'm asking you to educate your readers about how to behave when they visit our nation's historic buildings. The most important rule is: Do Not Touch Anything!

This includes the walls and woodwork. Even the cleanest hands have skin oils that can damage a finish. Next, do not lean against the walls or doorways because this, too, may damage original paint, wood finishes or carved details.

If ropes are blocking access to part of the room, do not go beyond them. The dirt on your shoes can damage carpets. If a door is closed or only half open, do not move it.

As a courtesy to your guide and other visitors, cellphones should be turned off. The docent has important information to share with you. If we do not have an immediate answer to a question, we will seek it from another guide or staff member.

Guides and docents enjoy sharing our knowledge with guests. So please visit, but while you're with us, follow our guidelines and help us preserve and protect these glimpses into the past.

DOCENT IN PORTLAND, ORE.

**DEAR DOCENT:** Your letter deserves space in my column because people sometimes forget when touring historic buildings that they are not in their own homes, but in fact are in museums. May I add one more tip to your list: It is always a good idea to ask permission before using a camera with a flashbulb.

Docents are individuals who study their subjects intensively, and then function as unpaid teachers who transmit their knowledge to visitors in institutions such as museums, art galleries and zoos. They perform an important service and should be treated with respect for the time and effort they put forth to prepare themselves for it.

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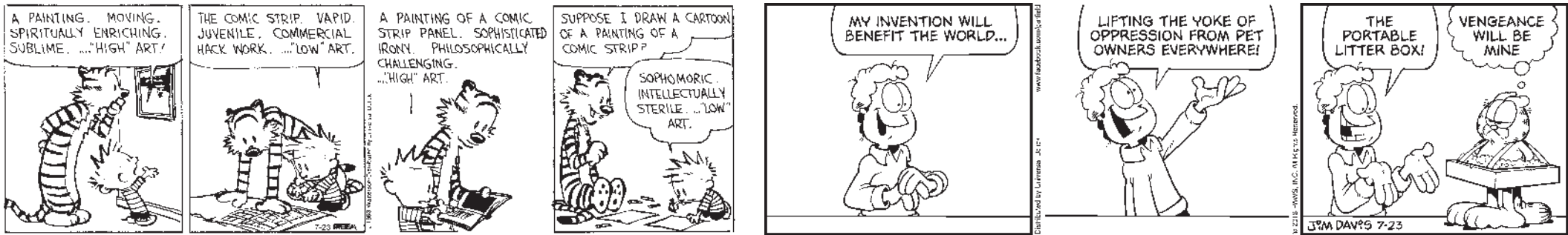


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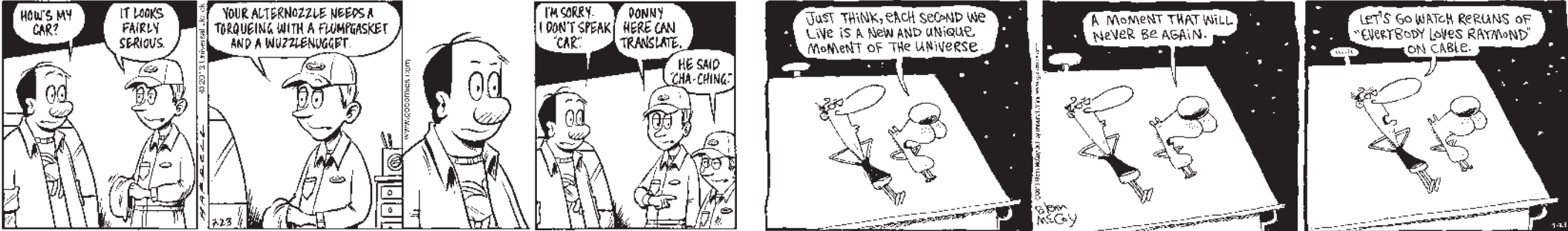
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Yesterday's answer 7-23

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Daniel Radcliffe, 24; Marlon Wayans, 41; Philip Seymour Hoffman, 46; Woody Harrelson, 52.

**Happy Birthday:** Concentrate on what you have worked so hard to acquire and your plans to maintain what you have. Creative accounting and unusual methods or approaches to legal, medical or financial matters will help you stabilize your personal situation, but beware of the changes going on in your professional field. Follow your intuition closely. Love is highlighted. Your numbers are 1, 6, 10, 21, 32, 40, 43.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't push your luck when dealing with personal matters. Someone is likely to complain, meddle or cause problems for you if you are too rigid about how you follow the rules. Keep an open mind and an open heart. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Get involved in your community or visit people you don't get to see that often. Reunite with old friends or look up someone you once had feelings for. Taking a look back will enable you to move forward faster. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't wait when you should be taking action. An interesting relocation or trip to an unfamiliar destination will spark plenty of ideas that can help you diversify your life. Be realistic when it comes to affairs of the heart. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Discuss contracts, legal concerns or health issues with someone you feel can give you greater insight into your options. Love and romance are highlighted, and putting time aside

to socialize or be with someone special should be arranged. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Emotional matters are likely to surface if you have been withholding information. Taking an honest look at your choices will help you make a decision and move forward. Confronting a situation may not be pleasant, but it will allow you to move on. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Spend more time figuring out how to best arrive at your destination. An emotional situation that arises with one of your colleagues or someone you are connected to financially must be taken care of quickly. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Observe what others do before you make a move or share information. A change regarding a partner will turn out to be beneficial. Secure what you have worked so hard to achieve. Make choices based on facts. Excess should be controlled. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You've got all the right moves, so don't let anyone play with your emotions or cause you to second-guess what you know in your heart you should be pursuing. It's time to be creative, relentless and goal-oriented. Love is highlighted. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Incorporate strategy into your plans. Nothing will run smoothly if you aren't fully prepared to handle the unexpected. Show everyone how talented and adaptable you can be. Don't let an emotional situation come between you and someone you want to be with. \*\*\*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stand tall and move forward. Look at your options and the people you know you can count on. A partnership with someone you feel intuitively connected to will help you expand your interests and secure a better position. Love is in the stars. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Take care of your chores and don't let what others do bother you. Focus on personal changes and improving your vocational position or dreams, hopes and wishes. Learn from the experiences you encounter and press forward with your plans. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Make plans to expand your interests, finances, surroundings or even your friendships. It's time to explore new avenues and to head into unfamiliar territory. Romance is on the rise and making special plans with someone you love will enhance your relationship. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are unique, proud and capable. You are impulsive and engaging.

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# Froome rides to victory in 100th Tour de France

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**P A R I S**  
( A P ) — I won't let you down like Lance

Armstrong. This Tour de France champion is for real.

That, in so many words, is the promise Chris Froome made as the newest winner of cycling's showcase race so badly hurt over the years by riders who doped to win it.

Because of their deceit, Froome faced a series of questions as he dominated rivals over three weeks of racing, all centered on the same key concern: Can we believe in you?

Yes, he insisted. The sport is changing, he argued. He handled the scrutiny politely and adroitly. He said he understood the skepticism. And on the podium in Paris, his wiry frame wrapped in his canary yellow jersey, Froome asked the guardians of the 110-year-old race and all those who love it to trust him.

"This is one yellow jersey that will stand the test of time," he said.

In two years, Britain has had two winners: Bradley Wiggins in 2012 and now Froome, a cooler, calmer, more understated but no less determined character than his Sky teammate with famous sideburns.

Froome rode into Paris in style: Riders pedaled up to him to offer congratulations; he sipped from a flute of champagne; a Tour organizer stuck an arm from his car window to shake Froome's hand. He dedicated his victory to his late mother, Jane, who died in 2008.

"Without her encouragement to follow my dreams I would probably be at home watching on TV," he said.

Froome took the race lead on Stage 8 in the Pyrenees, never relinquished it and vigorously fended off rivals whose concerted challenges turned this 100th Tour into a thriller. Froome and his Sky teammates linked arms as they rode for the line.

"This is a beautiful country with the finest annual sporting event on the planet. To win the 100th edition is an honor beyond any I've dreamed," he said.

Five-time winners Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain joined Froome on the podium. Missing, of course, was Armstrong. Stripping the serial doper of his seven wins tore a hole in the Tour's roll of honor as large as that left by World War II, when the race didn't take place from 1940-46.

None of the 100th edition's podium finishers—Froome, Nairo Quintana and Joaquim Rodriguez—have ever failed a drug test or been directly implicated in any of cycling's litany of doping scandals. That is an encouraging and notable departure both from the Armstrong era and many other Tour podiums before and since.

"In a way, I'm glad that I've had to face those questions. That after all the revelations last year and just the tarnished history over the last decade, all that's been channeled toward me now," Froome said. "I feel I've been able to deal with it reasonably well throughout this Tour, and hopefully that's sent a strong message to the cycling world that the sport has changed—and it really has."

"The peloton's standing together, the riders are united and it's not going to be accepted anymore."

The spectacular nighttime ceremonies, with the Eiffel Tower in glittering lights and the Arc de Triomphe used as a



Christopher Froome of Britain, center, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, second-place Nairo Alexander Quintana, left, of Colombia, and third-place Joaquim Rodriguez wave on the podium after the 21st and last stage of the 100th edition of the Tour de France cycling race over 133.5 kilometers (83.4 miles) with start in Versailles and finish in Paris, France, Sunday, July 21, 2013. (A

screen for a flashing lightshow, capped what has been a visually stunning Tour.

It started with a first-ever swing through Corsica, France's so-called "island of beauty," before veering through the Pyrenees to Brittany and then across France to the race's crescendo in the Alps—2,115 grueling miles in total.

Because of the unique late-afternoon start for the final Stage 21, the riders raced on the cobbles of the Champs-Elysees as the sun cast golden hues over the peloton and shadows lengthened over the dense, cheering crowds. Marcel Kittel won the final sprint on the avenue, the German's sprinter's fourth stage win of this Tour.

French Air Force jets in formation trailed red, white and blue smoke in the skies. The riders circled like a necklace around the Arc de Triomphe in their bright colored team jerseys.

After setting off from the magnificent Versailles Palace, the former residence of three kings and their seat of power until the French revolution of 1789, the riders were granted the privilege of meandering through the chateau's manicured gardens, past lakes like mirrors, spurting fountains and statues looking on stonily.

Before the pace picked up sharply on the Champs-Elysees, Sunday's 82-mile ride was largely leisurely. The

169 finishers—from 198 who started—savored the pleasure of surviving the three-week ordeal.

Quintana, the 23-year-old Colombian who secured second place behind Froome with an impressive win on Saturday's penultimate Stage 20, laughed as third-placed Rodriguez tried to spark up a cigar in the saddle.

Froome's clear physical superiority made him overwhelming favorite going into the Tour and carried him through it.

His winning margin of 4 minutes, 20 seconds was the largest since 1997, when Jan Ullrich—who has since admitted to doping—beat Richard Virenque—who also confessed

to using performance-enhancers—by 9:09.

Armstrong had larger margins of victory than Froome but those no longer count.

Froome's three stage victories—in the Pyrenees, on Mont Ventoux in Provence and in a mountainous time trial—were the most for a Tour winner since Armstrong got five in 2004, results now annulled.

Sky team manager Dave Brailsford said the Tour is seeing "a new generation" of young riders who "have never lived in an era of doping."

Cycling's future "is in good hands with Chris, because he is an exceptional rider and an exceptional character."

Unlike some other riders who cut short questions about doping and bristled, Froome said he was happy during the Tour to discuss the issue that has so poisoned his sport. He said he, too, felt let down by his cheating predecessors.

Froome argued that his success demonstrates that cycling's anti-doping system—now among the most rigorous, invasive and sustained of any sport—must be working, because otherwise he wouldn't be able to win.

At 28, Froome is entering his peak years as a bike racer. His prowess on climbs and in time trials gives him the essential ingredients to win more Tours. At Sky, he's backed by one of the best-funded, organized and smartest teams.

With few exceptions, including the absent Giro d'Italia winner Vincenzo Nibali and Wiggins, the cream of cycling's grand tour riders raced in the 100th edition. That Froome beat them so handily suggests he'll again be the overwhelming favorite in 2014—in the 101st Tour that starts in Leeds in northern England.

## NBA summer of reunions for coaches, players



**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—When Mike Brown first got into coaching in the early 1990s, veteran Bernie Bickerstaff would pull him aside for little chats on climbing the ladder in the NBA. One lesson stood out more than any other.

"He told me, 'Young buck, don't ever burn any bridges in this business or in life,'" Brown said. "It was an easy piece of advice for me to follow because that's how I'm built. You appreciate any opportunity that you are given in life and try to make the most of it."

That approach paid off in a big way for Brown this summer. He made those comments while standing outside of the Cleveland Cavaliers summer league team locker room at the Thomas and Mack Center, dressed in a polo shirt with the Cavaliers logo on the left

breast. Three years after being fired by the Cavaliers, Brown was rehired to run the show for a second time in Cleveland.

"It was weird for a while," Brown said of wearing the wine and gold colors again. "But it was a seamless transition for myself and my family. It almost, to a certain degree after we got over the initial shock of it, it almost felt like we never really left. It was almost like we went on vacation or something like that for a little bit."

He's not the only one. Many have learned this summer that you can go home again.

Reunions are all the rage across the league these days, with some more surprising than others. Flip Saunders has taken over as president of basketball operations in Minnesota eight years after the Timberwolves fired him as head coach. Larry Bird has returned to Indiana's front office after a

year away, and Kurt Rambis has been talking to the Los Angeles Lakers about returning to the bench as an assistant coach under Mike D'Antoni.

Chauncey Billups signed with the Detroit Pistons, the team that he led to a title in 2004 and then traded him four years later. And Metta World Peace is joining the New York Knicks 14 years after they passed on the local St. John's star in the 1999 NBA draft.

"He's really excited to be joining his hometown team," said his agent Marc Cornstein. "That's obviously been something that's been a dream of his since growing up in Queensbridge."

In many of those cases, the key to the reunion lies in how both sides handled the initial exits. Firings and trades in the NBA often can be about more than simply business. Feelings are hurt. Egos are bruised. Bridges aren't just burned, they're vaporized.

Timberwolves owner Glen

Taylor fired Saunders as coach in 2005, about half a season after Saunders led the team to the Western Conference finals. He didn't take the news well, feeling like a scapegoat for a team that had much deeper issues. But through the years, including during coaching stops in Detroit and Washington, Saunders maintained contact with Taylor, and the two repaired any ill will and became confidantes again.

Saunders had some discussions last year about helping a group buy the Timberwolves. When it became apparent that Taylor wasn't ready to sell, Saunders was hired to replace David Kahn as the team's top basketball executive. Saunders also became a minority partner.

"I never feel that whenever I leave that I try to burn bridges. I try to look at the positives," Saunders said. "Would I envision being back here in this position? Probably not.

"But what's different is that when I left and went through maybe that mourning period, Glen and I talked and we still shared a lot of the same philosophies. I think if you ask me over the last five years, did I ever think that it would never happen? No I always thought there was a possibility because of the relationship that we had."

Even more startling has been the candor expressed by Taylor, Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert and Pistons GM Joe Dumars. Admitting mistakes isn't common for men in power in professional sports, but all three have been candid while welcoming Saunders, Brown and Billups back into the fold.

"I've said that to him—do it all over again, absolutely not," Dumars said of trading Billups to Denver in a package for Allen Iverson in 2008. "Wouldn't have ever made that move with him. Whatever you do in these seats, you have to own it, good and bad."

Brown coached the Cavaliers

for five seasons and led them to the playoffs in each year. He teamed with LeBron James to take the Cavaliers to the NBA Finals in 2005, but Gilbert fired him after they lost to the Celtics in the 2010 Eastern Conference semifinals in the hope of keeping James happy. James left for Miami and Gilbert was left with regret.

"Maybe he's meant to be here," he said at Brown's introductory press conference.

Brown may be the same person who coached in Cleveland three years ago. But after parting ways with the Cavs the first time, and spending just over a season with the Los Angeles Lakers, he said he returns to the city a different coach.

"When you go through trials and tribulations, whether it's positive over negative or whatever, you grow in all types of ways," Brown said. "I felt like I've grown. I've felt like I've matured not only on the floor as a coach, but even off the floor, too."



# Colon masterful for A's in 6-0 win over Angels



**ANAHEIM, California** (AP)—Bar-

tolo Colon pitched a four-hitter for his third shutout this season and center fielder Chris Young robbed Albert Pujols of a home run to help the Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-0 on Sunday.

Eric Sogard hit a two-run homer to back Colon (13-3), who struck out five and walked one. The 40-year-old right-hander, making his first start since returning from his third All-Star game, tied Max Scherzer and Adam Wainwright for the major league lead in wins while reducing his ERA to 2.52. Colon is 10-1 with a 1.46 ERA over his last 12 outings.

The 116-pitch complete game was Colon's 35th in 395 big league starts, and the shutout was the 12th of his career. Young preserved Oakland's ninth shutout of the year when he pulled back Pujols' bid for his 492nd homer leading off the seventh.

## Red Sox 8, Yankees 7, 11 innings

In Boston, Mike Napoli homered with two outs in the 11th inning—his second of the game—to help Boston beat New York.

The Red Sox scored seven runs after falling behind 3-0, thanks in part to Napoli's three-run homer in the third. But they coughed up the lead when New York scored two in the sixth and two in the seventh to level it 7-all.

It stayed that way until Napoli hit a 3-2 pitch from Adam Warren (1-1) into the center field bleachers.

## Orioles 4, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Chris Tillman pitched into the ninth inning in his return from the All-Star game as Baltimore beat Texas to sweep a three-game series between 2012 playoff teams.

Matt Wieters had two hits and scored twice to help the Orioles (56-43) move a season-high 13 games over .500 with their seventh victory in eight games. They sure seem comfortable in Texas, where Baltimore won last year's AL wild-card game.

Tillman (12-3) gave up two runs and six hits while striking out seven, making Baltimore starters 7-1 in the last eight games. The 25-year-old righty was three outs from his first career complete game when Adrian Beltre chased him with a leadoff homer in the ninth.

Darren O'Day got two outs to earn his second save.

## Tigers 4, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Miguel Cabrera and Andy Dirks homered as the Tigers beat the Royals to avoid being swept.

Doug Fister (8-5) picked up the victory with six strong innings, yielding a run, while allowing six hits and striking out

five and walking one.

Cabrera, who is second in the league with 31 home runs to Chris Davis of the Baltimore Orioles, drove a 1-1 pitch out to left in the first inning.

Miguel Tejada tied it in the second with his third home run of the season and the 307th of his career. Tejada took an 0-1 Fister pitch out to left.

## Indians 7, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Justin Masterson took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and Michael Brantley hit a bases-loaded triple as the Indians beat the Twins to avoid a three-game sweep.

Masterson (11-7) had faced the minimum through six, allowing only a hit batter, when Brian Dozier led off the seventh with a broken-bat bloop to center field that dunked in under the glove of a sliding Drew Stubbs for a double.

The Indians led 3-0 on Mike Aviles' sacrifice fly and two-run homer by Jason Kipnis when they loaded the bases with one out in the fifth on a walk to Kipnis and consecutive singles by Nick Swisher and Carlos Santana off starter Scott Diamond (5-9).

## Rays 4, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, Luke Scott and Kelly Johnson hit back-to-back home runs and Evan Longoria also went deep as the Rays survived a late scare to beat the Blue Jays, completing a three-game sweep.

The surging Rays have won 13 of their past 14 games and 20 of their past 24. After starting the season 14-18, Tampa Bay is a major league-best 44-23 since May 8.

Rays right-hander Chris Archer pitched seven innings to win his fourth straight decision, improving to 4-0 with an 1.62 ERA in his past six starts, including his first career shutout against Houston on July 14.

## Mariners 12, Astros 5

In Houston, Nick Franklin hit his first career grand slam in Seattle's big second inning to back up a scoreless start by Felix Hernandez, and the Mariners rolled past the Astros for their season-best sixth straight victory.

Franklin's slam, Seattle's fifth this season, came off Jordan Lyles (4-4) in a seven-run second.

Hernandez (11-4) scattered four hits with seven strikeouts over six innings to lower his AL-leading ERA to 2.43. He is 6-0 in his last 10 starts and hasn't lost since May 25.

## White Sox 3, Braves 1

In Chicago, left fielder Casper Wells robbed Reed Johnson of a home run in the eighth inning to help the White Sox beat the Braves.

With the White Sox leading 3-1, Wells leaped up against the left-field wall to make a spectacular catch and rob Johnson of the game-tying homer. It was



Oakland Athletics starter Bartolo Colon pitches to the Los Angeles Angels in the first inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, July 21, 2013.

## Yankees say A-Rod won't rejoin team in Texas

**BOSTON** (AP)—Alex Rodriguez is not ready to rejoin the New York Yankees.

The team said Rodriguez has a strained left quadriceps and won't be able to return this week in Texas, as had been planned. Instead, he will remain on the disabled list and go back to Tampa, Fla., "for rest and treatment," the Yankees said in a statement issued before their game against the Boston Red Sox on Sunday night.

"He's going to be out for a while," manager Joe Girardi said after the Yankees lost 8-7 in 11 innings. "So we'll just deal with it and continue to play."

Mike Napoli hit a three-run

shot after the Red Sox fell behind early, then he ended the game with a solo shot with two outs in the 11th—ending the 4-hour, 46-minute game at 12:53 a.m. Monday.

Only a day before, it appeared A-Rod was on target to return from offseason hip surgery early this week. Now, it's unclear when he might be back.

"I haven't really talked to the doctors about it. You never know how quick a guy's going to heal," Girardi said. "Until they walk through that door and they're ready to play, I don't count on 'em. It's kind of like the trade rumors."

one of several great defensive plays by the White Sox.

Alex Rios added two hits and an RBI for Chicago and Jose Quintana scattered nine hits in 5 2-3 innings for the win.

## Dodgers 9, Nationals 2

In Washington, Matt Kemp returned to the lineup with a home run and a double in the same inning Sunday as the Los Angeles Dodgers completed a sweep of the Washington Nationals that kept them a half-game behind first-place Arizona in the NL West.

Activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game, Kemp led off the second with a homer and then doubled home Andre Ethier in a seven-run inning against Jordan Zimmermann (12-5), quickly turning a much-anticipated matchup of All-Star aces into a rout.

Clayton Kershaw (9-6) allowed only two hits — solo homers by Jayson Werth — over seven innings with nine strikeouts and no walks, putting his major league-best ERA at 2.01.

## Pirates 3, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Jeff Locke al-

lowed only an infield single through six innings as Pittsburgh beat Homer Bailey to salvage the final game of its series with Cincinnati.

The second-place Pirates left town with a three-game cushion over the NL Central-rival Reds, who won the first two games of the series.

Locke (9-2) and the majors' second-stingiest bullpen limited the Reds to three singles, but issued seven walks and let a run score on a wild pitch. Jason Grilli worked the ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances.

Locke had to miss his last scheduled start and couldn't pitch in the All-Star game because of a sore back. There were no problems when he got back on the mound.

## Mets 5, Phillies 0

In New York, Matt Harvey struck out 10 in seven overpowering innings, and David Wright and Juan Lagares each hit a home run upheld by video review to lead New York over Philadelphia.

Marlon Byrd followed Wright's first-inning homer off the dark metal railing atop the

It's the latest blow to the depleted Yankees, missing several injured stars almost all season. Derek Jeter, Mark Teixeira and Curtis Granderson came back and quickly got hurt again. Rodriguez didn't even finish his rehab assignment.

Rodriguez and Girardi had said they were hoping the third baseman would be back for Tuesday night's game against the Rangers. But the three-time MVP was moved from third base to designated hitter for Saturday night's rehab game with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre after feeling tightness in his quad and went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts.

new left-field wall with a no-doubter into the second deck against Cliff Lee (10-4) for the Mets' first back-to-back homers of the season.

Lagares' drive that also struck the railing in left was a three-run shot, giving New York a 5-0 lead against the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner. Lagares made a running catch in center field with Delmon Young on third base in the seventh to help preserve the shutout.

## Cardinals 3, Padres 2

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright worked eight sharp innings for his National League-leading 13th win and Allen Craig ended the game with a leaping catch at the left-field wall as St. Louis beat San Diego.

Craig has 12 hits and six RBIs during a seven-game hitting streak for the Cardinals, who took two of three in both series against the Padres this season. The St. Louis defense turned three double plays behind Wainwright (13-5), who allowed two runs with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Yonder Alonso singled three times with an RBI for the Padres.

Eric Stults (8-8) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings.

## Diamondbacks 3, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Paul Goldschmidt hit a sacrifice fly and a double against All-Star Madison Bumgarner, Cody Ross added a late two-run single, and first-place Arizona held off a late rally by San Francisco to avoid a three-game sweep.

The Diamondbacks snapped a three-game skid with their first victory of the second half.

Randall Delgado (2-3) won in his first career start at AT&T Park, and Goldschmidt's first-inning sac fly got things going against the World Series champions. Arizona threw out Buster Posey at the plate in the sixth.

## Brewers 1, Marlins 0, 13 innings

In Milwaukee, Caleb Gindl hit his first career home run in the bottom of the 13th inning and Milwaukee shut out Miami for the third consecutive game.

Miami has gone a club-record 37 innings without a run, the longest drought by a major league team in 28 years. The Houston Astros were held scoreless for 42 consecutive innings in July 1985, according to STATS.

The Marlins haven't scored since Derek Dietrich drove in two runs in the fourth inning of a 5-2 loss in 10 innings to Washington on July 14.

This one was the longest scoreless game in the majors since Boston won 1-0 in 16 innings at Tampa Bay on July 17, 2011.

The Brewers were the last team in the majors to produce a shutout this season, but now have eight in the team's past 31 games. The Marlins have been blanked 12 times.

John Axford (4-3) pitched two innings for the win and helped the Milwaukee pitching staff set a franchise record with 35 scoreless innings.

Gindl connected off Ryan Webb (1-4) after a pitching duel between Miami's Henderson Alvarez and Milwaukee's Willy Peralta.

## Rockies 4, Cubs 3

In Denver, Tyler Chatwood pitched six solid innings and Nolan Arenado hit a go-ahead single as Colorado beat Chicago to win the three-game series.

Chatwood (6-3) went the distance last time out but was a tough-luck loser to Zack Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0. This time, he allowed seven hits and two runs — one earned.

Rex Brothers allowed a run in the ninth before earning his fifth save.

Starlin Castro had four hits for the Cubs, matching a career high, and Anthony Rizzo homered.

Edwin Jackson (6-11) settled down after a rough start to go seven innings. His three-game winning streak was snapped.



# Asian Kanoa FC gets twin wins

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It was Asian Kanoa FC's turn to gain back-to-back victories in the 2013 Youth Futsal League over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

Asian Kanoa FC first edged the Thundercats in the boys U18 game last Saturday, 2-1, and then pulled off a 3-2 upset over NMI B last Sunday, 3-2. Before its loss to Asian Kanoa FC, NMI B managed to notch twin wins in

Week 2 of the competition, matching the feat of sister team NMI A.

Jun Sin Kim delivered the winning goal for Asian Kanoa FC in their game against NMI B, while Michael Fidelino also scored in the second half. Raphael Zapanta nailed the other goal for Asian Kanoa FC in the opening 25 minutes of the match. Ryu Tanzawa drained the two goals for NMI B in the first half.

Against the Thundercats, Kim was still the man for Asian Kanoa FC, as he knocked in two goals in the first half. Brian Lee prevented the Thundercats

from getting a shutout, as he found the back of the net in the second half.

Two more boys U18 games were played over the weekend with NMI A blanking the Thundercats last Sunday, 11-0, and the former settling for a draw against the NMI B, 5-5.

Versus the Thundercats, four NMI A players logged two goals apiece. Terrence Evan Blecher scored twice in the second half, James David earned his two goals in the first frame, while Enrico Del Rosario and Jireh Yobech got one each in the first and second periods. Joel Fruit, Dakota Hall, and Ken-

neth Domingo chipped in one apiece. In the all-NMI tiff last Saturday, NMI A had the lead in the first half, 3-1, before Joshua Galarion and Tanzawa teamed up in the second half comeback and forced a standoff.

Hall scored two goals for NMI A in the first half, while Fruit contributed one. Yoshi Mafnas made the lone goal for NMI B in the first 25 minutes of play. Hall added two more in the second half, but Galarion and Tanzawa countered with their two goals apiece to even up the count.

Meanwhile, Shirley's FC was awarded a win via default in the girls U18 game last Saturday after the 69ers showed up with only two players.

## AXE

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ner was disqualified from the game after pushing off against PIC's John Ricafort. The incident, according to spectators, started when Mobil's Jun Estolas went for an inbound and tried to pass the ball to Pelisamen, who was being pestered by Ricafort. Pelisamen argued Ricafort was holding his jersey and he tried to get free by shoving his pesky defender.

Referee Arnold Mesa stood by his call and disqualified Pelisamen, who left the match after scoring 19 points, 7 of them came early in second period. Soon, Mobil coach Marvin Deocares joined Pelisamen out of the court, as the mentor also drew two technical fouls for contesting his player's ejection.

Without Deocares and Pelisamen, Mobil was in disarray at the resump-

tion of the second canto, as PIC turned a 30-21 lead to a 57-40 half-time advantage. The defending champion then made headway in the third canto, cutting the deficit to a deuce, 70-72. Estolas led the comeback bid, scoring 14 points, while Errol Peredo and Zack Babauta also helped out, adding 6 markers apiece.

However, Mobil ran out of gas in the fourth canto, while PIC recovered from a sloppy third period with big men Ham Hambros and Bart Demapan asserting their might in the paint against their tired defenders. Demapan and Hambros combined for 22 points in the fourth quarter and points continued to pour in for PIC in the final half of that frame.

PIC sizzled for 37 points in the pay-off period against Mobil's 13. Fatigue caught up with Estolas in the fourth, as he was held to 2 points, while Babauta

made only three free throws. Peredo was the lone Mobil player to score more than two field goals in the fourth, hitting a triple and a 2-point field goal.

In the second game, AXE Proa cruised past the Blazers, 88-42.

AXE Proa remained unbeaten in five games, while the Blazers dropped to a 0-4 record.

The Rufino Aguon-coached Proa had the game in the bag as early as the second canto when it limited the Blazers to 3 points and turned a 19-11 lead to a big 37-14 advantage. By the end of the third, AXE Proa went up by 33, 62-29, and the hapless Blazers never made an effort to bring the deficit to a decent number in the fourth, as they were clearly outclassed by the league-leading team.

AXE Proa was so dominant on offense that it had seven players scoring in double figures, while only five play-

ers made it to the board for the Blazers and two logged twin digits.

## First Game

**PIC 109** — Demapan 29, Hambros 18, Duenas 14, Ni. Salem 11, Ne. Salem 10, Barbo 10, Abuy 9, Babauta 4, Bartolo 3, Castro 2.

**Mobil 83** — Estolas 24, Peredo 19, Pelisamen 19, Babauta 10, Camacho 5, Galzote 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 30-21, 57-40, 72-70, 109-83.

## Second Game

**AXE Proa 88** — Aranda 12, Alegre 12, Lizama 11, Barcinas 11, Villacrusis 10, Chariton 10, Tudela 10, Dela Rosa 6, Babauta 4, Libuw 2.

**Blazers 42** — Sablan 12, Mendiola 10, Taylor 8, Quan 6, Younis 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-11, 37-14, 62-29, 88-42.

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Introduced as the "champion golfer of the year," he held the oldest trophy in golf over his head to show it off to one side of the massive grandstand lining the 18th green at Muirfield, and then the other. An hour earlier, they gave the 43-year-old Mickelson the loudest ovation of the week as he walked up the final fairway.

He drained an 8-foot birdie putt and thrust his arms in the air, hugged caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay and whispered to him, "I did it." After signing for the lowest final round ever at Muirfield, Mickelson huddled with his wife and three children—back from a quick holiday to Spain—for a long embrace and waited for the others to finish.

Westwood, who started the day with a two-shot lead, fell behind for the first time all day with a bogey on the par-3 13th hole and never recovered, closing with a 75.

Scott took the outright lead with a 4-foot birdie on the 11th, and then closed as sloppily as he did last year when he threw away the Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes. He made four straight bogeys starting at the 13th, and a final bogey on the 18th gave him a 72. At least he has a green jacket from the Master to console him.

Woods, in his best position to win a major since the crisis in his personal life, stumbled badly on his way to a 74 and was never a serious challenger.

"We know that he goes for broke, and if that's how he was feeling and pulling it off, he's got the ability to do that," Scott said about Mickelson. "And he's gone and won an Open easily. So every credit to him."

At the end of a rough-and-tumble week along the Firth of Forth, Mickelson was the only player under par at

3-under 281. In his four other majors—three Masters and one PGA Championship—he had never started the final round more than one shot behind.

"I don't care either way how I got this trophy—I got it," Mickelson said. "And it just so happened to be with one of the best rounds of my career, which is really the way I've played my entire career. I've always tried to go out and get it. I don't want anybody to hand it to me. I want to go out and get it. And today, I did."

Westwood, whose only other 54-hole lead in a major ended with Mickelson winning the Masters, paid tribute to Lefty for what will go down as one of the great closing rounds in a major.

"When you birdie four of the last six of a round any day, that's good going," Westwood said. "With a decent breeze blowing and some tough flags out there, it's obviously a pretty good experience. When you do it in a major championship, it's an even better experience."

But this major? Phil Mickelson?

He had only contended twice in two decades at golf's oldest championship. One week after he won the Scottish Open in a playoff on the links-styled course of Castle Stuart, Mickelson was simply magical on the back nine of a brown, brittle Muirfield course that hasn't played this tough since 1966.

Tied for the lead, Mickelson smashed a 3-wood onto the green at the par-5 17th to about 25 feet for a two-putt birdie, and finished in style with a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th to match the lowest score of this championship.

"Those two 3-woods were the two best shots of the week, to get it on that green," Mickelson said. "As I was walking up to the green, that was when I realized that this is very much my championship in my control. And I was getting a little emotional. I had to kind of take a second to slow down my walk

and try to regain composure."

Mickelson figured a par on the 18th would be tough for anyone to catch him. When the ball dropped in the center of the cup, he raised both arms in the air to celebrate his fifth career major, tying him with the likes of Seve Ballesteros and Byron Nelson.

"Best round I've ever seen him play," said his caddie, Jim "Bones" Mackay.

His final surge was right about the time Westwood and Scott began to fold.

Scott, trying to join an exclusive list of players who have won a green jacket and a claret jug in the same year, made a remarkable recovery from the dunes right of the par-3 13th hole, only to miss the 7-foot par putt. He took three putts for bogeys on the next two holes—from long range on the 14th, and from 20 feet on the 15th—and found a bunker on the next.

Westwood started to lose his grip on the jug with bogeys on the seventh and eighth, and failing to birdie the downwind, par-5 ninth. Presented with birdie chances early on the back nine, his putting stroke began to look tentative.

Westwood and Scott tied for third with Ian Poulter, who played a four-hole stretch in 5-under around the turn and closed with a 67. At 1-over 285, he canceled a flight home in case of a playoff. Moments later, with Mickelson pulling away, the outcome was clear.

Jack Nicklaus said on Twitter, "Phil's round was incredible. After his bad break on 16 and to then get up and down showed a lot of guts. And the two great shots at 17 ended the tournament."

Making this even sweeter for Mickelson is that just one month ago he lost out on yet another chance to win the U.S. Open, the missing link of a career Grand Slam. Mickelson twice made bogey with wedge in his hand on the back nine at Merion and had his record

sixth runner-up finish.

Woods, Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen are the only players to win all four professional majors. Mickelson figured it would be the British Open that would hold him back. Now he has the jug, and he never took his hand off it during his press conference.

"I think that if I'm able to win the U.S. Open and complete the career Grand Slam, I think that that's the sign of the complete, great player," Mickelson said. "And I'm a leg away. And it's been a tough leg for me."

For now, Mickelson takes his place among an elite list of winners at Muirfield, which is considered the fairest of the links on the British Open rotation. All but two of the Open champions at Muirfield are in the World Hall of Fame. Mickelson is the only winner who already has been inducted.

It was the 43rd win of his PGA Tour career. The guy who once couldn't win the big one now has five majors in the last nine years. This one returns him to No. 2 in the world ranking for the first time in nearly three years.

Woods, meanwhile, now has gone 17 majors without winning, and that pursuit of Nicklaus and his benchmark of 18 majors—Woods is stuck on 14—doesn't look any closer. He three-putted twice in four holes at the start of the round and looked like just another contender on this Sunday.

He attributed his poor day to not getting the right pace on the greens, which he said were progressively slower.

"I felt like I was really playing well today, actually the whole week," said Woods, who has not broken 70 in the final round of his last seven majors. "I really hit so many good shots and really had control of my ball this week. As I said, it was just trying to get the speed, and I just didn't get it."



## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	59	40	.596	—
Tampa Bay	57	41	.582	1 1/2
Baltimore	55	43	.561	3 1/2
New York	52	45	.536	6
Toronto	45	51	.469	12 1/2

##### Central Division

Detroit	52	44	.542	—
Cleveland	51	46	.526	1 1/2
Kansas City	45	49	.479	6
Minnesota	41	53	.436	10
Chicago	38	56	.404	13

##### West Division

Oakland	56	41	.577	—
Texas	54	43	.557	2
Los Angeles	46	49	.484	9
Seattle	45	52	.464	11
Houston	33	63	.344	22 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Atlanta	55	42	.567	—
Philadelphia	49	49	.500	6 1/2
Washington	48	49	.495	7
New York	42	51	.452	11
Miami	35	60	.368	19

##### Central Division

St. Louis	58	37	.611	—
Pittsburgh	56	39	.589	2
Cincinnati	55	42	.567	4
Chicago	43	52	.453	15
Milwaukee	40	56	.417	18 1/2

##### West Division

Arizona	50	47	.515	—
Los Angeles	49	47	.510	1/2
Colorado	47	51	.480	3 1/2
San Francisco	45	51	.469	4 1/2
San Diego	43	55	.439	7 1/2

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that they even ran out of rackets and players had to take turns in using the equipment.

Galvez said Week 1 (July 15 to 19) of the camp focused on teaching participants the basic grips. Camp volunteers demonstrated the forehand (V grip) and backhand (thumb) grips and also thought participants how to control the shutter using these grips. The camp head added that he and other CBC players had to play a scrimmage to drum up the participant's interests in the sport.

At the start of Week 2 of the camp yesterday, Galvez and fellow CBC players Jexler Caranto, Janelle Pangilinan, and Nicole Malasarte played short games with the participants. The group also made rounds at the three courts, giving occasional one-on-one sessions with some of the participants.

"The participants were very receptive. We intended to have fun drills for the 7 to 10 age group and they really enjoyed the activities. For the 11 to 17, we played more games, as several participants already have skills and can be assets to CNMI badminton in the near future. They are learning so fast and are ready for a mini tournament," Galvez said.

The mini tournament for both age groups will be held this Thursday and Friday.

Meanwhile, NMBA president Jerry Tan was impressed with the camp turnout and vows to continue the program.

"It has been NMBA's mission to promote an active lifestyle through participation in sports. So this summer, we want our children to go out and have some activities, like this camp. We're happy to see a bigger turnout this year and excited to see some promising talents," Tan said.



# 2013 Bridge Capital, LLC Half Marathon/Bike Race

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Mamiko Oshima-Berger checks the time as she nears the finish line of the last Sunday's 2013 Bridge Capital, LLC Half Marathon at Micro Beach.



Erico Castro and Jerome Diyco are on their way to a runner-up and third place finish in the road bike race.



Half marathon runner-up Charlie Sendin is greeted by the other finishers.



Two half marathon runners and a biker approach the finish line.



Peter Prestley smiles as he is about to complete the MTB race.



Joshua Berger, right, is greeted by Dan Calvo at the finish line.



Dan Calvo celebrates his first place finish in the men's 10K.



Manny Aaron nears completion of the half marathon.



Paul Plunkett slows down as he is on his way to the finish line of the 10K race.



Samson Tan smiles after finishing in the Top 3 in the MTB event.





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## A career round gives Mickelson a claret jug



Phil Mickelson of the United States holds up the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, Scotland, Sunday July 21, 2013.

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One of the greatest final rounds in a major. Two of the best shots he ever struck with a 3-wood. The third leg of the Grand Slam.

Phil Mickelson never imagined any of this happening at the British Open.



No wonder he never took his hand off the base of that silver claret jug as he talked about the best Sunday he ever had at a major. Five shots out of the lead, Mickelson blew past Tiger Woods, caught up to Lee Westwood and Masters champion Adam Scott, and won golf's oldest championship with the lowest final round in his 80 majors.

With four birdies over the last six holes, Mickelson closed with a 5-un-

der 66 for a three-shot win over Henrik Stenson.

No longer is he mystified by links golf, and he has his name etched in that jug to prove it.

"This is such an accomplishment for me because I just never knew if I'd be able to develop the game to play links golf effectively," Mickelson said. "To play the best round arguably of my career, to putt better than I've ever putted, to shoot the round of my life ... it feels amazing to win the claret jug."

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AXE Proa's Keoni Chariton goes up for a fadeaway shot against Mobil's Badong Camacho during an earlier game in the Emon Lodge caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

### AXE Proa, PIC crush foes

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AXE Proa and Pacific Islands Club romped past separate opponents in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, PIC whipped and stunned Mobil, 109-83, to notch its

second win in four games and tied the latter for third place in the team standings. PIC managed to post a 16-point winning margin despite being threatened in the third canto, as it capitalized on the depleted and wounded crew of Mobil in the fourth period.

Mobil played with only six players and was down to five in the entire second half after Freddie Pelisamen was ejected from the match midway in the second canto. The Mobil gun-

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### Bigger turnout at NMBA camp



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Andreau Galvez, back, demonstrates to Christine Mago the smash form during a session at the 2013 Youth Badminton Summer Camp yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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The 2013 Youth Badminton Summer Camp drew a bigger turnout than last year, as more than 60 participated in Week 1 of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association-organized event.

According to camp director Andreau Galvez, the session for 11 to 18 age group at the TSL Sports Complex lured the most participants with 42, while 19 others joined the drills for 7 to 10 division.

"We were surprised to see a lot of players on the first day. It was unexpected that we were forced to create more groups and assigned players from Community Badminton Club to manage each pool," said Galvez, adding

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